EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Niagara County payroll and elected officials

Review of the May 27, 2026 petition list and Niagara County's adopted 2026 budget.

Measure	Amount
2026 county budget for **23 elected county positions**	**$1,081,227**
County-office earnings found in SeeThroughNY, 20 people	$944,654
Of those earnings, paid to 14 people on the petition list	$501,243
Petition-list candidates with a non-elected public job documented in 2026	66 of 379
2026 Niagara County payroll for 32 petition-list candidates in non-elected roles	$2,623,440

The county budget amount covers a full budget year. The SeeThroughNY figures are reported earnings. Municipal payroll generally follows a fiscal year ending March 31. Missing records and changes in who held an office make the reported earnings subtotal incomplete.

Budgeted salaries by county office

County office	Positions	2026 adopted	Budget book 1
County Legislature	15	$365,125	p. 299
District attorney	1	$221,100	p. 62
Sheriff	1	$155,503	p. 82
County clerk	1	$118,784	p. 130 and 134
Treasurer	1	$118,715	p. 320
Coroners	4	$102,000	p. 72
Total salaries	**23**	**$1,081,227**	

The salary total excludes benefits, employer taxes and reimbursements to employees. The county separately budgeted $72,189 in state aid for district attorney salary reimbursement. The clerk's salary appears as two $59,392 allocations, one in the clerk budget and one in the DMV budget.

Payroll classification corrected. Richard E. Updegrove's $167,496 is for the appointed county manager position. The county's appointment record corrects the database's "Elected Office" label and increases the previous non-elected count from 65 to 66.

Sources Petition list • Adopted budget • SeeThroughNY data notes • County manager appointment

COUNTY ELECTED OFFICES

Reported county-office pay

The 2026 county roster identifies the offices. The payroll column shows SeeThroughNY pay-year 2026 records found for those offices and listed prior officeholders.

Officeholder	County office	On petition	2026 pay found
Irene M Myers	Legislature, District 1	Yes	$24,075
Michael A Casale	Legislature, District 2	Yes	—
Christopher J McKimmie	Legislature, District 3	Yes	$24,075
Jeffrey Elder	Legislature, District 4	Yes	$24,190
Christopher A Robins	Legislature, District 5	Yes	$24,460
Sam R Farruggia II	Legislature, District 6	Yes	$4,630
Jesse P Gooch	Legislature, District 7	Yes	$24,075
Richard L Andres Jr.	Legislature, District 8	Yes	$24,075
Randy R Bradt	Legislature, District 9	Yes	$24,575
David E Godfrey	Legislature, District 10	Yes	—
Anthony J Nemi	Legislature, District 11	Yes	—
Carla L Speranza	Legislature, District 12	Yes	$24,075
Richard E Abbott	Legislature, District 13	Yes	—
Shawn A Foti	Legislature, District 14	Yes	$24,075
Michael A Hill	Legislature, District 15	Yes	—
Kyle R Andrews	Treasurer	Yes	$116,055
Joseph A Jastrzemski	County clerk	Yes	$116,556
Michael J Filicetti	Sheriff	—	$150,715
Brian D Seaman	District attorney	—	$221,100
Gary D Strassburg	Coroner, District 1	—	$25,500
Joseph V Mantione	Coroner, District 2	Yes	$25,500
Laura D Sweney-Goodlander	Coroner, District 3	—	$25,500
Scott T Vendetta	Coroner, District 4	—	$981
Rebecca J Wydysh	Former District 2 legislator	Yes	$20,827
James E Carroll	Prior District 4 coroner	—	$19,615
Matched payroll subtotal			**$944,654**

A dash in the pay column means a matching 2026 county-office payroll amount was unavailable. The payroll includes prior officeholders who earned pay during the reporting period. The district attorney is elected even though SeeThroughNY labels the entry “Appointed Executive.”

Sources County directory • Legislature roster • County payroll search

NOVEMBER 3 GENERAL ELECTION

County election results

County races involving people on the May petition list. Contested races reflect the leaders in published returns available November 22. The Board of Elections is the source for certification.

Candidate	County office	Published status
Kyle R Andrews	County treasurer	Unopposed
Clayburn J Powell	Coroner, District 1	Leading in published returns
Irene M Myers	Legislature, District 1	Unopposed
Michael A Casale	Legislature, District 2	Unopposed
Christopher J McKimmie	Legislature, District 3	Leading in published returns
Jeffrey Elder	Legislature, District 4	Leading in published returns
Johnny C Parks	Legislature, District 5	Leading in published returns
Sam R Farruggia II	Legislature, District 6	Leading in published returns
Jesse P Gooch	Legislature, District 7	Leading in published returns
Richard L Andres Jr.	Legislature, District 8	Leading in published returns
Randy R Bradt	Legislature, District 9	Leading in published returns
David E Godfrey	Legislature, District 10	Leading in published returns
Anthony J Nemi	Legislature, District 11	Leading in published returns
James J Slowey Jr.	Legislature, District 12	Leading in published returns
Richard E Abbott	Legislature, District 13	Leading in published returns
Shawn A Foti	Legislature, District 14	Unopposed
Michael A Hill	Legislature, District 15	Leading in published returns

The November result and the pay-year 2026 record measure different periods. A winning or leading candidate can appear without a matching 2026 county-office payroll amount.

Town, city, state and federal offices

Town and city offices are funded by their own governments. State and federal roles are paid by those governments. State law assigns city, county and other Unified Court System judges’ salaries to the state, with a separate rule for town and village justices. The county totals exclude those jurisdictions’ office pay. Any verified separate Niagara County job appears in the public-employment tables.

Sources Election results index • New York Focus • Times Union returns • Judiciary Law § 220

NOVEMBER 3 GENERAL ELECTION

Other offices on the petition list

Contested races reflect the published leaders. The unopposed designation reflects the published ballot. County payroll from these elected offices is excluded.

Candidate	Office outside county government	Published status
Matthew P Foe	Cambria supervisor	Leading in published returns
Steve Broderick Jr.	Lewiston supervisor	Leading in published returns
Michael J Weiss	Lewiston highway superintendent	Unopposed
Paul W Siejak	Lockport supervisor	Unopposed
Patrick G Weidel	Lockport council member	Unopposed
John Syracuse	Newfane supervisor	Unopposed
Joel M Maerten	Pendleton supervisor	Unopposed
Noreen E Lemma	Pendleton town clerk	Unopposed
Dylan R Rumbold	Pendleton council member	Unopposed
David I Fischer	Pendleton highway superintendent	Unopposed
Todd T Ostrowski	Pendleton town justice	Unopposed
Jeff Brown	Royalton supervisor	Unopposed
Jeffrey M Dewart	Somerset supervisor	Unopposed
Ruth H Wendler	Somerset tax collector	Unopposed
Pamela S Rider	Somerset town justice	Unopposed
Don MacSwan	Wheatfield supervisor	Unopposed
William A Evans	Wilson supervisor (William “Tony” Evans)	Leading in published returns
Julie Evans	Wilson town clerk/tax collector	Unopposed
Shawn P Nickerson	North Tonawanda City Court judge	Unopposed
Rebecca J Wydysh	State Assembly, District 145	Leading in published returns
Nicholas A Langworthy	U.S. House, District 23	Leading in published returns

Rebecca J. Wydysh’s reported $20,827 county pay is for her prior county legislative service. Patrick G. Weidel’s $9,351 SeeThroughNY entry is from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority. He identifies himself as retired from that agency.

Sources November sample ballots • Times Union returns • Unopposed candidates • State and federal returns
Payroll sources Rebecca J. Wydysh • Patrick G. Weidel • Weidel professional profile

OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town and city elected payroll

These petition-list names appear on 2026 municipal payroll with an elected-office label. A separate county job is shown where verified.

Candidate	Town or city	Municipal pay	Separate county pay
Debra A Littere	Cambria	$76,580	—
David D Hunington	Hartland	$6,941	—
Elizabeth S Neadow	Hartland	$37,429	—
Margaret M Zaepfel	Hartland	$28,470	—
Jason C Myers	Lewiston	$16,015	—
Victor E Eydt	Lewiston	$8,467	—
James E Rook	Lockport	$99,878	—
Jesse L Snyder	Lockport	$3,195	—
Judith A Newbold	Lockport	$76,234	—
Mark C Crocker	Lockport	$69,992	—
Paul W Siejak	Lockport	$16,580	—
Donna M Lakes	Newfane	$53,098	—
John Syracuse	Newfane	$54,907	—
Pete P Robinson	Newfane	$7,313	—
Robert C Horanburg	Newfane	$7,358	—
Brian S Archie	Niagara Falls	$11,954	—
David J Zajac	Niagara Falls	$11,954	$45,387
Robert M Restaino	Niagara Falls	$77,701	—
Austin J Tylec	North Tonawanda	$64,516	—
Hilary A Roe	North Tonawanda	$2,769	—
Joseph Marranca III	North Tonawanda	$9,185	$65,032
David I Fischer	Pendleton	$94,937	—
David J Kantor	Pendleton	$4,370	—
Joel M Maerten	Pendleton	$28,826	—
Wolfgang Buechler	Pendleton	$12,453	—
John D Johnston	Porter	$47,091	—
Cameron Kiner	Somerset	$6,846	—
Pamela S Rider	Somerset	$17,418	—
Curt P Doktor	Wheatfield	$18,140	—
Gilbert G Doucet	Wheatfield	$18,140	—
Kathleen M Harrington McDonell	Wheatfield	$91,952	—
James T Pringle	Wilson	$78,270	—

David J. Zajac and Joseph Marranca III had $110,419 in combined county pay from their separate county jobs. That amount is already included in the $2,623,440 non-elected county payroll total. Municipal pay is excluded from the county totals.

Sources SeeThroughNY payroll database • County directory • County economic development staff

NON-ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Petition-list payroll matches

Names with evidence of a paid non-elected public job in 2026. The amount links to the payroll search. A 2025 payroll year in this table has separate 2026 documentation.

Candidate	Public employer	Role	Pay year	Reported pay
Richard Abramowski [source]	Niagara Falls	Police/Patrol Officer	2026	$160,779
Katherine D Alexander	Niagara County	Appointed Executive	2026	$129,641
Lora A Allen	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$108,910
	Niagara Falls	Appointed Executive	2026	$4,496
Dan Bower [source]	Niagara Falls	Police Cadet/Recruit	2026	$91,873
Donna L Braun [source]	North Tonawanda	City clerk-treasurer	2026	$63,911
Matthew E Brooks	Wheatfield	Appointed Executive	2026	$147,553
Jessica F Byerly [source]	SUNY Buffalo	Assistant director, equity and inclusion	2025	$126,634
Santino S Cafarella	Niagara County	Appointed Office (Timekeeping)	2026	$55,596
Michael P Carney	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$87,199
Patrick Ciccarelli	Niagara Falls	Police/Patrol Officer	2026	$94,756
Evan W Clausen	North Tonawanda	Appointed Office (Timekeeping)	2026	$7,741
Gerald J Cracknell Jr.	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$65,039
Brian S Cummings	Royalton	Appointed Executive	2026	$80,643
Damon A DeCastro II	Niagara County	Appointed Office (Timekeeping)	2026	$94,461
Charles W Dunbar	Niagara County	Appointed Office (Timekeeping)	2026	$29,972
Tracy A Farrell	Niagara County	Appointed Office (Timekeeping)	2026	$82,087
Sam R Farruggia II	Niagara Falls	Fire Fighter	2026	$85,346
Nancy A Fischer	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$50,282
Karl F Frankovitch Jr.	Niagara County	Appointed Executive	2026	$81,992
Krista M Vince Garland [source]	SUC@Buffalo	Associate professor, exceptional education	2025	$107,410
Michelle M Gawel	Niagara County	Appointed Office (Timekeeping)	2026	$50,199
Jeremy J Geartz [source]	Niagara County Industrial Development Agency	Director Of Business Development & Retention	2025	$85,000

Multiple employers can appear for the same person. The headline counts each person once. Public school and public authority pay is included in the names review. Only Niagara County employer records enter the $2,623,440 county subtotal.

Petition-list payroll matches

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Candidate	Public employer	Role	Pay year	Reported pay
Shannon G Giove	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$112,313
Mario J Gregori Jr.	Niagara County	Appointed Executive	2026	$71,354
	North Tonawanda	Attorney/Counsel	2026	$52,000
Peter J Grinnell	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$73,430
William T Guagliardo	North Tonawanda	General Employee	2026	$14,625
Craig L Guiliani	Town of Niagara	Police chief (town directory)	2026	$102,640
David J Haylett Jr. [source]	Judicial	Principal law clerk	2025	$123,361
Justin J Higner	Lewiston-Porter CSD	Laborer	2026	$32,127
	Wheatfield	Appointed Executive	2026	$4,909
Amber S Hill	Niagara Falls	General Employee	2026	$41,536
Timothy E Huether Sr.	Niagara Falls	Laborer	2026	$33,915
Donald J Jablonski	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$103,706
Tammy M Johnston	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$54,779
Marc E Kasprzak	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$118,811
	Wheatfield	Laborer	2026	$3,689
Andrea L Klyczek [source]	Niagara County	Economic development commissioner	2026	$140,969
Colin G Ligammari	Niagara County	Appointed Office (Timekeeping)	2026	$56,296
Nicholas Locicero	Niagara Falls	Police/Patrol Officer	2026	$84,605
Vernon M Lohan	Buffalo City SD	General Employee	2026	$6,221
Joel M Maerten	Kenmore-Tonawanda UFSD	Educator (title unavailable)	2026	$119,154
Joseph Marranca III [source]	Niagara County	Marketing specialist	2026	$65,032
Sue A Mawhiney	Lockport	General Employee	2026	$55,650
Jeanann P McGee	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$58,147
Christopher J McKimmie	Niagara Falls	Police/Patrol Officer	2026	$120,583
Thomas K Murphy	Buffalo City SD	Educator (title unavailable)	2026	$99,959

Public payroll titles are shown as reported unless a separate employer source identifies the position. An amount shows earnings reported for that employer’s payroll period.

NON-ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Petition-list payroll matches

Names with evidence of a paid non-elected public job in 2026. The amount links to the payroll search. A 2025 payroll year in this table has separate 2026 documentation.

Candidate	Public employer	Role	Pay year	Reported pay
Andrew D Nemi	Niagara County	Deputy Sheriff / Undersheriff	2026	$129,691
Todd A O'Bryan	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$82,840
Anthony F Paretto	Niagara Falls	Laborer	2026	$88,056
Matthew L Parish	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$108,143
Daniel R Quinn	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$66,511
Christopher A Robins	Niagara Falls City SD	Educator (title unavailable)	2026	$149,911
Bradley W Rowles [source]	North Tonawanda City SD	High school principal	2026	$158,434
	Orleans-Niagara BOCES	Educator (title unavailable)	2026	$7,415
Joseph Scibilia	Niagara Falls	Police/Patrol Officer	2026	$142,086
Carrie E Sciortino	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$51,132
Anthony J Serianni	Lockport	Appointed Executive	2026	$30,417
	Niagara County	Appointed Office (Timekeeping)	2026	$74,556
Ian Sitek	Niagara Falls	Police Cadet/Recruit	2026	$94,309
Nicholas R Sparks	Royalton	Laborer	2026	$69,370
William K Sweeney	Williamsville CSD	Laborer	2026	$21,641
Jenelle T Tarr	Niagara-Wheatfield CSD	General Employee	2026	$19,297
Alysa T Tomasino	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$84,680
David E Tothill	Niagara Falls	General Employee	2026	$61,680
Diane M Tuohey	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$60,738
Richard E Updegrove [source]	Niagara County	Appointed county manager	2026	$167,496
Lilly Vaughan [source]	Niagara Falls	Police Cadet/Recruit	2026	$82,204
Patti L Weiss	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$62,051
Jocelyn E Welton [source]	Lockport City SD	Teacher (district records)	2026	$225
David J Zajac	Niagara County	General Employee	2026	$45,387

A candidate can hold an elected office and a separate public job. For example, the school payroll for Joel Maerten and the city fire department payroll for Sam Farruggia II qualify as separate jobs.

EARLIER PAYROLL AND METHODOLOGY

Additional 2025 payroll matches

These 12 people had a supported 2025 payroll match. The available records did not establish their employment in 2026.

Candidate	Public employer	Role	Pay year	Reported pay
Alfonso Marra Bax [source]	Lewiston	Appointed Executive	2025	$42,244
James O Berry [source]	SUNY Buffalo	PROFESSOR 10 MONTHS	2025	$143,829
Paulette C Campbell [source]	Attorney General	ASSNT ATTORNEY GEN	2025	$127,604
Matthew J Chavez [source]	Niagara Orleans Land Improvement Corporation	Project Manager	2025	$63,964
Paul R Drabinski [source]	Power Authority	Apprentice Electrician	2025	$90,419
Robert C Horanburg [source]	Power Authority	Apprentice Operator	2025	$102,123
Scott T Jordan Jr. [source]	Assembly	DIR OF UPSTATE REG SRVS MINORI	2025	$123,137
Cameron Kiner	Niagara County	General Employee	2025	$5,592
Erin K Baker Langworthy [source]	Assembly	REG COORD	2025	$39,234
Nicholas A Melson [source]	Power Authority	Special Assistant	2025	$118,216
Mark R Stevens [source]	Comptroller	SUPVG ATTORNEY	2025	$157,816
Thomas A Sy [source]	Town of Lockport Industrial Development Agency	Economic development coordinator	2025	$45,131

How the records were matched

The May 27 petition report lists 483 rows. After repeated ballot lines and clear name variants were reconciled, 379 distinct names were checked against SeeThroughNY pay years 2025 and 2026. Sixty-two people matched 2026 payroll for a non-elected job. Employer and court records corroborated four more jobs whose latest matched payroll entry showed 2025.

Middle initials, local employers and agency records helped resolve name matches. Ambiguous identities, retired roles and elective-office pay are excluded from the non-elected count. Countywide elected-office pay uses employer and office records to resolve generic payroll classifications. The county budget includes 15 legislative seats plus eight other positions across the offices shown.

The reported earnings figures reflect the payroll periods available on November 22, 2026. The county salary appropriation reflects the adopted annual budget. The budget and payroll totals describe different measures and should be read independently.

Sources Original petition report • Payroll database • SeeThroughNY municipal data notes • Niagara County adopted budget, book 1