

## **Housing: By the Numbers**

**Number our younger population has declined:** over 128,000 20 to 34-year olds during the 1990s; over 65,000 25-44 year olds from 2000 to 2004. (Census Bureau)

**Percentage of decline:** 20 percent during the 1990s; five times the national demographic decline; more than twice the NYC metropolitan area. (Census Bureau)

**Comparable decline elsewhere:** only Western New York State from Schenectady to Buffalo; an area that is in an economic depression. (Census Bureau)

**Prior Gain/Loss of younger population:** a net gain of 298,000 during the 1960s through the 1980s. (Census Bureau)

**Native-born population growth during the 1990s:** 21,000 on a base of 2.8 million. Of the total growth of 144,000 during the 90s, 123,000 were direct immigrants from other countries. (Brookings Institution)

**Percent of Long Islanders who can afford a mortgaged home:** only 10 percent. Only 10 percent of Long Islanders now have the household income to afford a mortgage on a median priced home. (Dr. Pearl Kamer analysis of Census Bureau data)

**Percent of Long Islanders who report trouble paying the mortgage:** 54 percent; a 7 percent rise in one year. (2006 L.I. Index)

**Percent of L.I. housing that is rental:** about 15 percent. The national average is 40 percent. (Census Bureau)

**Percent of housing that is multi-family:** the lowest is Huntington at 2 percent; Smithtown has 4 percent. Few, if any, above 10 percent. (County housing reports)

**Number of L.I. municipalities that have adopted First Time Homebuyers Law:** 6 of 110 municipalities. The law, designed to help first time homebuyers on Long Island get a home, went into effect five years ago. (Public records)

**Percent of young people living with their parents:** at least 54 percent of people between 20 and 34 years of age reportedly live with their parents. (State AFL-CIO 2003 study of L.I. housing; based on Census data)

**Number of young people living with their parents:** according to a State AFL-CIO study in 2003 based on 2000 Census data, at least 384,000 people between 20 and 34 years of age reportedly live with their parents.

**Percent of younger people who say they are likely to leave L.I. within 5 years:** 70 percent. 46 percent said they are "very likely" to leave. (2006 L.I. Index)

**Percent of all Long Islanders who say they are likely to leave within 5 years:** 54 percent, a 9 percent increase in one year. (2006 L.I. Index)

**According to businesses, the number one obstacle to L.I.'s economic success:** affordable housing. 37 percent said that; the next highest answer, healthcare costs, was less than half as high. (2005 AVZ/Dowling College economic survey)