

PEEKSKILL

“Peekskill’s paramounts:
stoves to art center”



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Thesis

Peekskill is a symbolic city of industry and growth due to its historic contribution of a leading industrial center, such as irons and stoves, and today the city boasts as a growing artist district and continued growth in the technology.



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Demographics and Location

■ Population:

- Total-22,441
- Male (48.5%) Female (51.5%)

■ Education:

- Predominantly high school graduates

■ Race/Ethnicity:

- Predominantly White, Black, & Asian

■ Crime:

- 69 crimes reported in 2003
- Violent Crime rate is 3/1000 people

■ Income:

- Per capita income-\$22,595
- Median household income-\$47,177

■ Located on the Hudson River

- 40 miles north of NYC

■ “Gateway to the Hudson Highlands” ?

■ Westchester County



History

■ European Discovery & Settlement

- Jan Peeck
- “kill”, the Dutch name for creek
- Hudson river passageway
- Industrial Process

■ Peekskill Active In Major Wars

- Revolutionary war Military base (G. Washington)
- Benedict Arnold conspiracy in 1780
- Underground railroad (Civil war)
- Camp Smith (WW1)

■ Industrialization

- Innovation and notable factories
- Hudson River railroad
- Economic and population expansion



Economics Then & Now

■ Then

- developing in an industrial style
- primary industry was the fashioning of cast iron cooking and heating stoves

■ Now

- Population growth and growth
- in technology



Culture

■ Politics

- Predominantly Democratic
- Mayor John Testa

■ Fun Facts

- Mel Gibson
- New York Jets
- Lyman Frank Baum
- Alien Avenger, Unfaithful, and the TV series Unsolved Mysteries



CONCLUSION

Peekskill is still flourishing in many ways other than just commercially; arts and culture and the success of industrial growth in Peekskill, the Hudson River Valley has become one of the most important economic contributions for New York.

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