



NEW GILLIBRAND REPORT: NEARLY 1.3 MILLION NEW YORKERS RELIED ON FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO HEAT THEIR HOMES LAST WINTER

Nearly 415,000 More Payments for Home Heating Were Awarded – A 37 Percent Jump From Two Years Prior

According to a new report from the office of U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, nearly 1.3 million New Yorkers relied on the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) to heat their homes last winter. HEAP grants statewide last winter increased nearly 415,000 – a 37 percent increase from two years prior.

County Statistics for New York City:

In New York City, over \$40 million was provided in over 740,000 direct payments to New Yorkers to heat their homes last year -- an increase of over 280,000 from two years prior.

County	Amount Distributed 2008-2009	Number of Payments 2008-2009	Increase in Payments from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009	Percentage Increase from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009
New York City	\$42,774,486	740,216	281,056	61

County Statistics for Western New York:

In Western New York, nearly \$65 million was provided in nearly 130,000 direct payments to New Yorkers to heat their homes last year – an increase of nearly 25,000 from two years prior.

County	Amount Distributed 2008-2009	Number of Payments 2008-2009	Increase in Payments from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009	Percentage Increase from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009
Allegany	\$2,659,435	4,541	751	20
Cattaraugus	\$4,313,319	7,839	1,865	31
Chautauqua	\$7,289,624	13,758	1,640	14
Erie	\$40,585,838	83,970	15,475	23
Niagara	\$8,008,999	17,287	3,965	30
Wyoming	\$1,398,742	2,562	616	32

County Statistics for Rochester-Finger Lakes Region:

In the Rochester/Finger Lakes Region, over \$30 million was provided in over 70,000 direct payments to New Yorkers last year – an increase of over 13,000 from two years prior.

County	Amount Distributed 2008-2009	Number of Payments 2008-2009	Increase in Payments from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009	Percentage Increase from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009
Genesee	\$1,930,566	3,679	691	23
Livingston	\$2,132,514	3,699	762	26
Monroe	\$16,989,937	40,848	5,509	16
Ontario	\$2,610,967	5,414	1,692	45
Orleans	\$2,052,534	3,316	666	25
Seneca	\$1,207,203	2,129	598	39
Tompkins	\$2,198,613	4,293	1,301	43
Wayne	\$3,099,851	5,623	1,608	40
Yates	\$1,041,293	1,805	354	24

County Statistics for Central New York:

In Central New York, over \$45 million was provided in over 85,000 direct payments to New Yorkers to heat their homes last year -- an increase of nearly 19,000 from two years prior.

County	Amount Distributed 2008-2009	Number of Payments 2008-2009	Increase in Payments from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009	Percentage Increase from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009
Cayuga	\$3,595,999	6,126	1,143	23
Cortland	\$2,315,066	4,169	906	28
Herkimer	\$3,552,810	6,253	1,654	36
Madison	\$3,002,229	4,896	1,313	37
Oneida	\$11,374,962	21,232	4,206	25
Onondaga	\$13,986,666	30,770	6,795	28
Oswego	\$5,772,108	8,836	1,685	24
Otsego	\$3,149,441	4,385	1,236	39

County Statistics for the Southern Tier:

In the Southern Tier, over \$25 million was provided in nearly 44,000 direct payments to New Yorkers to heat their homes last year – an increase of nearly 10,000 from two years prior.

County	Amount Distributed 2008-2009	Number of Payments 2008-2009	Increase in Payments from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009	Percentage Increase from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009
Broome	\$6,999,505	14,054	3,341	31
Chemung	\$3,412,095	7,667	1,486	24
Chenango	\$3,325,861	4,842	1,432	42
Delaware	\$2,708,922	3,978	1,123	39
Schuyler	\$1,154,098	1,642	325	25
Steuben	\$5,132,353	8,214	1,093	15
Tioga	\$2,770,553	4,044	641	19

County Statistics for the Capital Region:

In the Capital Region, over \$35 million was provided in over 66,000 direct payments to New Yorkers to heat their homes last year – an increase of over 16,000 from two years prior.

County	Amount Distributed 2008-2009	Number of Payments 2008-2009	Increase in Payments from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009	Percentage Increase from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009
Albany	\$6,498,669	14,983	3,729	33
Columbia	\$2,102,920	3,411	1,209	55
Fulton	\$3,726,771	6,020	1,740	41
Greene	\$2,338,033	3,564	859	32
Montgomery	\$3,245,958	5,359	1,338	33
Rensselaer	\$4,579,343	8,819	2,455	39
Saratoga	\$5,427,683	8,621	1,660	24
Schenectady	\$4,055,644	8,374	1,686	25
Schoharie	\$1,690,815	2,397	527	28
Washington	\$2,987,174	4,474	1,013	29

County Statistics for the North Country:

In the North Country, over \$25 million was provided in nearly 40,000 direct payments to New Yorkers to heat their homes last year – an increase of nearly 9,000 from two years prior.

County	Amount Distributed 2008-2009	Number of Payments 2008-2009	Increase in Payments from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009	Percentage Increase from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009
Clinton	\$5,073,872	7,312	1,551	27
Essex	\$2,126,687	2,881	737	34
Franklin	\$3,274,755	4,575	1,123	33
Hamilton	\$265,968	401	139	53
Jefferson	\$4,569,531	7,584	1,646	28
Lewis	\$1,820,171	2,454	565	30
St. Lawrence	\$6,750,207	10,245	2,156	27
Warren	\$2,745,488	4,434	1,034	30

County Statistics for the Hudson Valley:

In the Hudson Valley, nearly \$25 million was provided in nearly 65,000 direct payments to New Yorkers to heat their homes last year – an increase of over 27,000 from two years prior.

County	Amount Distributed 2008-2009	Number of Payments 2008-2009	Increase in Payments from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009	Percentage Increase from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009
Dutchess	\$3,880,879	8,289	3,556	75
Orange	\$5,675,102	12,452	4,671	60
Putnam	\$612,165	1,204	445	59
Rockland	\$2,782,702	8,647	3,974	85
Sullivan	\$3,302,315	5,515	1,886	52
Ulster	\$5,923,654	9,957	4,026	68
Westchester	\$2,393,214	18,906	8,663	85

County Statistics for Long Island:

On Long Island, over \$17 million was provided in over 40,000 direct payments to New Yorkers to heat their homes last year – an increase of over 15,000 from two years prior.

County	Amount Distributed 2008-2009	Number of Payments 2008-2009	Increase in Payments from 2006-2007 to 2008- 2009	Percentage Increase from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009
Nassau	\$4,495,242	13,736	5,350	64
Suffolk	\$13,077,632	29,214	9,733	50

Source: New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance