

Single Parent Penalty:

Remnant of Republican Congress Attempts to Balance Budget on the Backs of Single Mothers

A remnant of the Republican Congress and the Bush administration, the Single Mother's Penalty charges single parent families who receive child support to pay a \$25 penalty for administrative costs. In 27 states across the country, custodial parents are forced to pay a penalty in order to receive child support payments. A staggering 200,000 parents in New York State pay this penalty every year – with almost 67,000 in New York City alone.

County Statistics for Western New York:

There are **13,622** single parents in Western New York who could be forced to pay a penalty this year.

County	Number of Parents Who Could Pay Penalty
ALLEGANY	657
CATTARAUGUS	1,409
CHAUTAUQUA	1,362
ERIE	7,587
NIAGARA	1,964
WYOMING	644

County Statistics for the Rochester/Finger Lakes Region:

There are **14,603** single parents in the Rochester/Finger Lakes Region who could be forced to pay a penalty this year.

County	Number of Parents Who Could Pay Penalty
GENESEE	869
LIVINGSTON	1,118
MONROE	8,042
ONTARIO	1,923
ORLEANS	533
SENECA	857
TOMPKINS	899
WAYNE	2,112
YATES	362

County Statistics for Central New York:

There are **11,983** single parents in Central New York who could be forced to pay a penalty this year.

County	Number of Parents Who Could Pay Penalty
CAYUGA	1,553
CORTLAND	809
HERKIMER	918
MADISON	971
ONEIDA	2,130
ONONDAGA	5,688
OSWEGO	1,641

County Statistics for the Southern Tier:

There are **8,325** single parents in the Southern Tier who could be forced to pay a penalty this year.

County	Number of Parents Who Could Pay Penalty
BROOME	2,085
CHEMUNG	1,296
CHENANGO	911
DELAWARE	780
OTSEGO	881
SCHUYLER	323
STEUBEN	1,353
TIOGA	696

County Statistics for the Capital Region:

There are **18,832** single parents in the Capital Region who could be forced to pay a penalty this year.

County	Number of Parents Who Could Pay Penalty
ALBANY	4,131
COLUMBIA	797
FULTON	1,179
GREENE	776
MONTGOMERY	938
RENSSELAER	2,550
SARATOGA	3,612
SCHENECTADY	2,792
SCHOHARIE	663
WASHINGTON	1,394

County Statistics for the North County:

There are **7,725** single parents in the North Country who could be forced to pay a penalty this year.

County	Number of Parents Who Could Pay Penalty
CLINTON	1,191
ESSEX	401
FRANKLIN	725
HAMILTON	56
JEFFERSON	1,733
LEWIS	602
ST.LAWRENCE	1,605
WARREN	1,412

County Statistics for the Hudson Valley:

There are **25,268** single parents in the Hudson Valley who could be forced to pay a penalty this year.

County	Number of Parents Who Could Pay Penalty
DUTCHESS	4,209
ORANGE	4,580
PUTNAM	981
ROCKLAND	3,147
SULLIVAN	996
ULSTER	2,402
WARREN	1,412
WESTCHESTER	7,541

County Statistics for Long Island:

There are **30,518** single parents Long Island who could be forced to pay a penalty this year.

County	Number of Parents Who Could Pay Penalty
NASSAU	11,960
SUFFOLK	18,558

** All statistics were calculated using data obtained from New York State.*