



NEW GILLIBRAND REPORT: 850,000 UNEMPLOYED NEW YORKERS

Unemployment Tops Double Digits, Over 5 Million Americans Jobless for Over Six Months

According to a new report from the office of U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, nearly 850,000 New Yorkers are out of work as America approaches its second year of the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Unemployment began rising in the spring of 2007 and has now more than doubled to 10.2 percent nationwide. The underemployment rate, which includes people who are working part-time but want full-time work, is 17 percent, or 26.6 million people. Right now, the U.S. is experiencing an alarming rate of long-term unemployment – 5.4 million people have been jobless for more than six months, representing 3.5 percent of the workforce. 8 million jobs have been lost since the start of the recession.

County Statistics for New York City:

In New York City 413,800 people are unemployed – approximately 10.4 percent of the labor force. Over the last year, New York City lost jobs at a rate higher than the rest of the state.

| County | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|----------|------------|-------------------|
| Bronx | 72,900 | 13.4% |
| Kings | 126,000 | 11.1% |
| New York | 87,200 | 9.2% |
| Queens | 105,600 | 9.2% |
| Richmond | 22,100 | 8.9% |

County Statistics for Western New York:

In Western New York 60,700 people are unemployed – approximately 8.2 percent of the labor force.

| County | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| Allegany | 2,000 | 8.1% |
| Cattaraugus | 3,700 | 8.7% |
| Chautauqua | 5,200 | 7.7% |
| Erie | 38,400 | 8.2% |
| Niagara | 9,700 | 8.6% |
| Wyoming | 1,700 | 8.0% |

County Statistics for Rochester-Finger Lakes Region:

In the Rochester/Finger Lakes Region, 49,800 people are unemployed – approximately 7.2 percent of the labor force.

| County | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|------------|------------|-------------------|
| Genesee | 2,500 | 7.3% |
| Livingston | 2,400 | 7.4% |
| Monroe | 30,500 | 8.0% |
| Ontario | 4,000 | 7.0% |
| Orleans | 1,500 | 7.9% |
| Seneca | 1,300 | 7.4% |
| Tompkins | 3,100 | 5.5% |
| Wayne | 3,700 | 7.6% |
| Yates | 800 | 6.3% |

County Statistics for Central New York:

In Central New York 39,000 people are unemployed – approximately 7.6 percent of the labor force.

| County | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|----------|------------|-------------------|
| Cayuga | 3,300 | 7.9% |
| Cortland | 2,000 | 8.4% |
| Herkimer | 2,400 | 7.6% |
| Madison | 2,600 | 7.3% |
| Oneida | 8,000 | 7.3% |
| Onondaga | 18,600 | 7.9% |
| Otsego | 2,100 | 6.9% |

County Statistics for the Southern Tier:

In the Southern Tier 28,600 people are unemployed – approximately 8.6 percent of the labor force.

| County | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|----------|------------|-------------------|
| Broome | 8,200 | 8.4% |
| Chemung | 3,600 | 8.7% |
| Chenango | 2,100 | 8.8% |
| Delaware | 1,800 | 8.4% |
| Oswego | 5,600 | 9.2% |
| Schuyler | 800 | 7.6% |
| Steuben | 4,400 | 9.6% |
| Tioga | 2,100 | 8.0% |

County Statistics for the Capital Region:

In the Capital Region 42,800 people are unemployed – approximately 7.7 percent of the labor force.

| County | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| Albany | 10,800 | 6.8% |
| Columbia | 2,300 | 7.4% |
| Fulton | 2,600 | 9.0% |
| Greene | 1,900 | 8.3% |
| Montgomery | 2,200 | 8.8% |
| Rensselaer | 6,200 | 7.4% |
| Saratoga | 7,600 | 6.4% |
| Schenectady | 5,700 | 7.5% |
| Schoharie | 1,200 | 7.5% |
| Washington | 2,300 | 7.4% |

County Statistics for the North Country:

In the North Country 19,600 people are unemployed – approximately 8.2 percent of the labor force.

| County | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|--------------|------------|-------------------|
| Clinton | 3,600 | 9.0% |
| Essex | 1,500 | 8.5% |
| Franklin | 1,900 | 8.2% |
| Hamilton | 200 | 6.6% |
| Jefferson | 4,100 | 8.4% |
| Lewis | 1,000 | 8.0% |
| St. Lawrence | 4,600 | 9.2% |
| Warren | 2,700 | 7.7% |

County Statistics for the Hudson Valley:

In the Hudson Valley 86,000 people are unemployed – approximately 7.6 percent of the labor force.

| County | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| Dutchess | 11,600 | 7.9% |
| Orange | 14,300 | 7.9% |
| Putnam | 3,800 | 6.8% |
| Rockland | 10,900 | 7.1% |
| Sullivan | 3,100 | 8.6% |
| Ulster | 7,000 | 7.7% |
| Westchester | 35,300 | 7.2% |

County Statistics for Long Island:

On Long Island people 105,800 people are unemployed – approximately 7.2 percent of the labor force.

| County | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|---------|------------|-------------------|
| Nassau | 48,500 | 7.0% |
| Suffolk | 57,300 | 7.3% |

Source: New York State Department of Labor