



**NEW GILLIBRAND REPORT: 3.4 MILLION NEW YORK SENIORS, VETS AND DISABLED FACE NO COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR NEXT YEAR’S SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS**

*Social Security is Sole Source of Income for 15 Percent of Recipients*

According to a new report from the Office of U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, 3.4 million New York seniors, veterans and people with disabilities will not receive their annual cost of living adjustment from the Social Security Administration next year. Cost of living adjustments are tied to the Consumer Price Index, which declined this year as a result of the economic downturn.

To compensate for the lack of a cost of living adjustment next year, Senator Gillibrand is pushing for legislation that would deliver one-time emergency payments of \$250 to seniors, veterans and people with disabilities – the equivalent of a 2 percent cost of living increase. Delivering emergency payments of \$250 would provide 3.4 million New York seniors and people with disabilities a total of \$850 million.

**County Statistics for New York City:**

In New York City, nearly 1.3 million seniors and people with disabilities would receive over \$320 million.

County	Seniors and Disabled Veterans	Amount in Emergency COLA Payments (Millions)
Bronx	227,892	\$56.97
Kings	380,066	\$95.02
New York	271,185	\$67.8
Queens	329,413	\$82.35
Richmond	81,582	\$20.4

**County Statistics for Western New York:**

In Western New York, over 315,000 seniors and people with disabilities would receive nearly \$80 million.

County	Seniors and Disabled Veterans	Amount in Emergency COLA Payments (Millions)
Allegany	9,973	\$2.49
Cattaraugus	17,745	\$4.44
Chautauqua	31,410	\$7.85
Erie	199,767	\$49.94
Niagara	49,093	\$12.27
Wyoming	7,857	\$1.97

**County Statistics for Rochester-Finger Lakes Region:**

In the Rochester/Finger Lakes Region, nearly 250,000 seniors and people with disabilities would receive over \$60 million.

County	Seniors and Disabled Veterans	Amount in Emergency COLA Payments (Millions)
Genesee	12,205	\$3.05
Livingston	11,866	\$2.97
Monroe	147,843	\$36.96
Ontario	21,392	\$5.35
Orleans	8,436	\$2.11
Seneca	7,045	\$1.76
Tompkins	14,157	\$3.54
Wayne	19,583	\$4.9
Yates	5,317	\$1.33

**County Statistics for Central New York:**

In Central New York, nearly 210,000 seniors and people with disabilities would receive over \$50 million.

County	Seniors and Disabled Veterans	Amount in Emergency COLA Payments (Millions)
Cayuga	14,806	\$3.7
Cortland	8,549	\$2.14
Herkimer	14,311	\$3.58
Madison	12,124	\$3.03
Oneida	53,496	\$13.37
Onondaga	91,651	\$22.91
Otsego	12,714	\$3.18

**County Statistics for the Southern Tier:**

In the Southern Tier, nearly 150,000 seniors and people with disabilities would receive nearly \$40 million.

County	Seniors and Disabled Veterans	Amount in Emergency COLA Payments (Millions)
Broome	45,408	\$11.35
Chemung	20,837	\$5.21
Chenango	11,318	\$2.83
Delaware	10,752	\$2.69
Oswego	23,901	\$5.98
Schuyler	4,096	\$1.02
Steuben	21,198	\$5.3
Tioga	10,560	\$2.64

**County Statistics for the Capital Region:**

In the Capital Region, over 215,000 seniors and people with disabilities would receive nearly \$55 million.

County	Seniors and Disabled Veterans	Amount in Emergency COLA Payments (Millions)
Albany	54,653	\$13.66
Columbia	13,028	\$3.26
Fulton	11,955	\$2.99
Greene	10,471	\$2.62
Montgomery	12,092	\$3.02
Rensselaer	28,779	\$7.19
Saratoga	37,770	\$9.44
Schenectady	31,168	\$7.79
Schoharie	5,956	\$1.49
Washington	12,102	\$3.03

**County Statistics for the North Country:**

In the North Country, nearly 100,000 seniors and people with disabilities would receive nearly \$25 million.

County	Seniors and Disabled Veterans	Amount in Emergency COLA Payments (Millions)
Clinton	16,581	\$4.15
Essex	8,224	\$2.06
Franklin	10,428	\$2.61
Hamilton	1,442	\$0.36
Jefferson	18,232	\$4.56
Lewis	4,827	\$1.21
St. Lawrence	23,416	\$5.85
Warren	15,321	\$3.83

**County Statistics for the Hudson Valley:**

In the Hudson Valley, over 380,000 seniors and people with disabilities would receive over \$95 million.

County	Seniors and Disabled Veterans	Amount in Emergency COLA Payments (Millions)
Dutchess	51,432	\$12.86
Orange	54,995	\$13.75
Putnam	14,595	\$3.65
Rockland	49,912	\$12.48
Sullivan	16,040	\$4.01
Ulster	35,456	\$8.86
Westchester	157,610	\$39.4

**County Statistics for Long Island:**

On Long Island, over 495,000 seniors and people with disabilities would receive over \$120 million.

County	Seniors and Disabled Veterans	Amount in Emergency COLA Payments (Millions)
Nassau	240,163	\$60.04
Suffolk	255,279	\$63.82

*Source: Congressional Research Service*