



NEW GILLIBRAND REPORT: APPROXIMATELY 800,000 NEW YORK FAMILIES ARE FOOD INSECURE

Emergency Meals Served Across New York Increased 55 Percent to Nearly 60 Million Since 2006

According to a new report from the office of U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, approximately 800,000 New York households are now considered food insecure – meaning that these families do not reliably know when or from where the next meal will come. Since 2006, the number of emergency meals served across New York has increased by nearly 60 million – an increase of 55 percent.

County Statistics for New York City:

In New York City, approximately 340,000 households are food insecure. Nearly 50 million more meals have been served by emergency food outlets since 2006 – an average increase of over 75 percent.

County	Meals Served July '08- July '09	Increased Number of Meals Served from '06-'07 to '08-'09	Percent Increase in Meals Served During That Time	Estimated # of Food Insecure Households
Bronx	18,196,538	9,518,440	110%	53,285
Kings	36,620,089	15,642,489	75%	99,521
New York	19,222,238	7,380,983	62%	83,495
Queens	27,728,986	14,271,194	106%	87,552
Richmond	3,203,470	713,308	29%	18,871

County Statistics for Rochester-Finger Lakes Region:

In the Rochester/Finger Lakes Region, approximately 55,000 households are food insecure. Over 735,000 more meals have been served by emergency food outlets since 2006 – an average increase of over 30 percent.

County	Meals Served July '08- July '09	Increased Number of Meals Served from '06-'07 to '08-'09	Percent Increase in Meals Served During That Time	Estimated # of Food Insecure Households
Genesee	136,887	41,448	43%	2,601
Livingston	135,388	29,035	27%	2,546
Monroe	2,999,047	56,992	2%	32,065
Ontario	658,913	317,171	93%	4,627
Orleans	116,126	37,582	48%	1,723
Seneca	536,109	153,873	40%	1,387
Tompkins	798,041	(23,272)	-3%	4,266
Wayne	427,029	87,109	26%	4,079
Yates	155,382	35,241	29%	1,041

County Statistics for Central New York:

In Central New York, approximately 50,000 households are food insecure. Over 2 million more meals have been served by emergency food outlets since 2006 – an average increase of nearly 40 percent.

County	Meals Served July '08- July '09	Increased Number of Meals Served from '06-'07 to '08-'09	Percent Increase in Meals Served During That Time	Estimated # of Food Insecure Households
Cayuga	1,120,855	317,025	39%	3,565
Cortland	309,700	48,241	18%	1,986
Herkimer	591,645	80,009	16%	2,865
Madison	595,244	256,333	76%	2,906
Oneida	1,921,078	834,858	77%	10,387
Onondaga	3,574,167	532,704	18%	20,613
Oswego	683,040	(25,722)	-4%	5,232
Otsego	299,704	108,731	57%	2,844

County Statistics for the Southern Tier:

In the Southern Tier, approximately 25,000 households are food insecure. Over 1.5 million more meals have been served by emergency food outlets since 2006 – an average increase of over 80 percent.

County	Meals Served July '08- July '09	Increased Number of Meals Served from '06-'07 to '08-'09	Percent Increase in Meals Served During That Time	Estimated # of Food Insecure Households
Broome	969,586	(147,612)	-13%	9,025
Chemung	2,002,394	1,109,943	124%	3,929
Chenango	753,883	272,862	57%	2,190
Delaware	347,025	270,010	351%	2,172
Schuyler	903,680	12,422	1%	4,369
Steuben	306,558	99,488	48%	2,257
Tioga	969,586	(147,612)	-13%	9,025

County Statistics for the Capital Region:

In the Capital Region, approximately 50,000 households are food insecure. Nearly 1 million more meals have been served by emergency food outlets since 2006 – an average increase of nearly 25 percent.

County	Meals Served July '08- July '09	Increased Number of Meals Served from '06-'07 to '08-'09	Percent Increase in Meals Served During That Time	Estimated # of Food Insecure Households
Albany	1,191,189	34,042	3%	13,858
Columbia	116,195	(30,421)	-21%	2,855
Fulton	75,427	9,302	14%	2,578
Greene	198,915	44,283	29%	2,127
Montgomery	137,988	28,791	26%	2,250
Rensselaer	1,193,101	248,474	26%	6,887
Saratoga	770,635	342,254	80%	9,538
Schenectady	865,449	270,165	45%	6,510
Schoharie	132,427	21,041	19%	1,402
Washington	149,457	21,650	17%	2,741

County Statistics for the North Country:

In the North Country, approximately 20,000 households are food insecure. Nearly 580,000 more meals have been served by emergency food outlets since 2006 – an average increase of over 30 percent.

County	Meals Served July '08- July '09	Increased Number of Meals Served from '06-'07 to '08-'09	Percent Increase in Meals Served During That Time	Estimated # of Food Insecure Households
Clinton	293,818	45,652	18%	3,379
Essex	163,386	(11,601)	-7%	1,746
Franklin	674,294	74,057	12%	2,094
Hamilton	20,142	7,974	66%	267
Jefferson	787,948	83,917	12%	4,977
Lewis	139,140	64,902	87%	1,238
St. Lawrence	1,002,448	251,489	33%	4,673
Warren	339,913	60,918	22%	3,199

County Statistics for the Hudson Valley:

In the Hudson Valley, approximately 90,000 households are food insecure. Nearly 3 million more meals have been served by emergency food outlets since 2006 – an average increase of over 35 percent.

County	Meals Served July '08- July '09	Increased Number of Meals Served from '06-'07 to '08-'09	Percent Increase in Meals Served During That Time	Estimated # of Food Insecure Households
Dutchess	1,908,371	366,931	24%	11,612
Orange	2,476,764	963,853	64%	13,912
Putnam	783,501	263,573	51%	3,795
Rockland	2,306,556	862,165	60%	10,610
Sullivan	501,908	119,939	31%	3,304
Ulster	1,116,935	182,516	20%	7,923
Westchester	4,062,384	133,290	3%	38,271

County Statistics for Long Island:

On Long Island, approximately 100,000 households are food insecure. Nearly 2.3 million more meals have been served by emergency food outlets since 2006 – an average increase of over 25 percent.

County	Meals Served July '08- July '09	Increased Number of Meals Served from '06-'07 to '08-'09	Percent Increase in Meals Served During That Time	Estimated # of Food Insecure Households
Nassau	3,781,073	750,122	25%	49,173
Suffolk	7,518,841	1,543,288	26%	54,118

County Statistics for Western New York:

In Western New York, approximately 66,000 households are food insecure. Nearly 270,000 more meals have been served by emergency food outlets since 2006 in Allegany, Cattaraugus and Wyoming Counties – an average increase of over 50 percent. Although, nearly 280,000 fewer emergency meals were served in Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara Counties – an average decrease of nearly 5 percent.

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Allegany	153,883	61,008	66%	2,082
Cattaraugus	430,588	177,556	70%	3,657
Chautauqua	792,979	(80,637)	-9%	6,152
Erie	4,234,152	(191,788)	-4%	42,790
Niagara	860,138	(7,006)	-1%	9,914
Wyoming	1,700	8.0%	21%	1,677

Source: New York State Department of Health, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Census Bureau and Staff Calculations.