



**NEW GILLIBRAND REPORT: NEARLY 5 MILLION NEW YORKERS INFECTED WITH FOOD-BORNE ILLNESSES EACH YEAR**

*Nationwide, Food-Borne Illnesses Infect 87 Million, Hospitalize 371,000, Lead to 5,700 Deaths*

*No Major Food Safety Upgrades Made In Last Century*

According to a new report from the office of U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, approximately 5 million New Yorkers are infected with food-borne illnesses each year. Nationwide, food-borne illnesses infect an estimated 87 million Americans, hospitalize 371,000 and lead to an estimated 5,700 deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). While the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has made some progress improving food safety regulations, the nation’s food safety laws have not been significantly overhauled in more than a century, according to the Congressional Research Service.

**County Statistics for New York City:**

In New York City, an estimate of nearly 2.1 million are afflicted with a food-borne illness each year.

COUNTY	TOTAL POPULATION	ESTIMATED FOOD-BORNE ILLNESSES
Bronx	1,391,903	347,976
Kings	2,556,598	639,150
New York	1,634,795	408,699
Queens	2,293,007	573,252
Richmond	487,407	121,852

**County Statistics for Western New York:**

In Western New York, an estimate of nearly 360,000 are afflicted with a food-borne illness each year.

COUNTY	TOTAL POPULATION	ESTIMATED FOOD-BORNE ILLNESSES
Allegany	49,718	12,430
Cattaraugus	79,688	19,922
Chautauqua	133,789	33,447
Erie	909,845	227,461
Niagara	214,464	53,616
Wyoming	42,133	10,533

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

In the Rochester-Finger Lakes Region, an estimate of over 310,000 are afflicted with a food-borne illness each year.

COUNTY	TOTAL POPULATION	ESTIMATED FOOD-BORNE ILLNESSES
Genesee	58,445	14,611
Livingston	63,381	15,845
Monroe	732,762	183,191
Ontario	104,475	26,119
Orleans	42,584	10,646
Seneca	34,279	8,570
Tompkins	101,136	25,284
Wayne	91,564	22,891
Yates	24,497	6,124

**County Statistics for Central New York:**

In Central New York, an estimate of over 250,000 are afflicted with a food-borne illness each year.

COUNTY	TOTAL POPULATION	ESTIMATED FOOD-BORNE ILLNESSES
Cortland	48,407	12,102
Herkimer	62,694	15,674
Madison	69,766	17,442
Oneida	231,590	57,898
Onondaga	452,633	113,158
Otsego	62,561	15,640

**County Statistics for the Southern Tier:**

In the Southern Tier, an estimate of nearly 170,000 are afflicted with a food-borne illness each year.

COUNTY	TOTAL POPULATION	ESTIMATED FOOD-BORNE ILLNESSES
Broome	195,018	48,755
Chemung	87,813	21,953
Chenango	51,141	12,785
Delaware	46,555	11,639
Oswego	121,395	30,349
Schuyler	19,224	4,806
Steuben	96,573	24,143
Tioga	50,588	12,647

**County Statistics for the Capital Region:**

In the Capital Region, an estimate of over 280,000 are afflicted with a food-borne illness each year.

COUNTY	TOTAL POPULATION	ESTIMATED FOOD-BORNE ILLNESSES
Albany	298,130	74,533
Columbia	62,632	15,658
Fulton	55,022	13,756
Greene	49,203	12,301
Montgomery	48,738	12,185
Rensselaer	155,261	38,815
Saratoga	217,191	54,298
Schenectady	151,427	37,857
Schoharie	31,990	7,998
Washington	62,439	15,610

**County Statistics for the North Country:**

In the North Country, an estimate of nearly 125,000 are afflicted with a food-borne illness each year.

COUNTY	TOTAL POPULATION	ESTIMATED FOOD-BORNE ILLNESSES
Clinton	81,947	20,487
Essex	38,243	9,561
Franklin	50,431	12,608
Hamilton	5,379	1,345
Jefferson	118,046	29,512
Lewis	26,374	6,594
St. Lawrence	109,701	27,425
Warren	65,971	16,493

**County Statistics for the Hudson Valley:**

In the Hudson Valley, an estimate of an estimate of over 570,000 are afflicted with a food-borne illness each year.

COUNTY	TOTAL POPULATION	ESTIMATED FOOD-BORNE ILLNESSES
Orange	379,647	94,912
Putnam	99,244	24,811
Rockland	298,545	74,636
Sullivan	76,189	19,047
Ulster	181,670	45,418
Westchester	953,943	238,486

**County Statistics for Long Island:**

On Long Island, an estimate of over 715,000 are afflicted with a food-borne illness each year.

COUNTY	TOTAL POPULATION	ESTIMATED FOOD-BORNE ILLNESSES
Nassau	1,351,625	337,906
Suffolk	1,512,224	378,056

*Source: Census Bureau, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and staff calculations.*