



**GILLIBRAND: 3-POINT PLAN TO ADDRESS AUTISM**

***NEW COUNTY-BY-COUNTY REPORT Estimates More Than 29,000 New York Children Struggling with Autism***

***Study Shows Autism Affects More New York Children than Pediatric Cancer, Diabetes, AIDS Combined, But Insurance Companies Not Covering Necessary Treatments***

With reports showing Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) affect 1 in 150 New York children – more than pediatric cancer, diabetes and AIDS combined – and with insurance companies denying coverage for effective treatments, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand developed a three-point plan to help families with children suffering from ASD. Senator Gillibrand is joining Senator Dick Durbin to mandate insurance companies cover ASD, authoring new legislation, called the *Uniformed Services with Autism (USA) Heroes Act*, requiring TRICARE, the military health insurance program to cover autism treatment. Additionally, Senator Gillibrand is urging greater federal investments for autism research to help improve treatment for children and families living with ASD. Nearly 30,000 children across New York suffer from autism and could benefit from Senator Gillibrand’s plan.

**County Statistics for New York City:**

Of the **1,912,617** children in New York City, an estimated **12,757** live with autism.

County	Number of Children	Number of Autistic Children
NEW YORK	277,378	1,850
BRONX	388,071	2,588
KINGS	641,638	4,280
QUEENS	491,620	3,279
RICHMOND	113,910	760

**County Statistics for Western New York:**

Of the **305,371** children in Western New York, an estimated **2,036** live with autism.

County	Number of Children	Number of Autistic Children
ALLEGANY	9,807	65
CATTARAUGUS	17,836	119
CHAUTAUQUA	28,235	188
ERIE	195,594	1,305
NIAGARA	45,783	305
WYOMING	8,116	54

**County Statistics for the Rochester/Finger Lakes Region:**

Of the **251,214** children in the Rochester/Finger Lakes region, an estimated **1,805** live with autism.

County	Number of Children	Number of Autistic Children
GENESEE	12,615	84
LIVINGSTON	12,052	80
MONROE	164,904	1,100
ONTARIO	22,408	149
ORLEANS	9,125	61
SENECA	6,687	46
TOMPKINS	15,573	104
WAYNE	21,410	143
YATES	5,710	38

**County Statistics for Central New York:**

Of the **232,865** children in Central New York, an estimated **1,554** live with autism.

County	Number of Children	Number of Autistic Children
CAYUGA	16,578	111
CORTLAND	9,867	66
HERKIMER	13,039	87
MADISON	14,423	96
ONEIDA	48,818	326
ONONDAGA	103,313	689
OSWEGO	26,827	179

**County Statistics for the Southern Tier:**

Of the **124,903** children in the Southern Tier, an estimated **834** live with autism.

County	Number of Children	Number of Autistic Children
BROOME	38,910	260
CHEMUNG	18,933	126
CHENANGO	10,895	73
DELAWARE	8,850	59
OTSEGO	11,082	74
SCHUYLER	3,858	26
STEUBEN	21,315	142
TIOGA	11,060	74

**County Statistics for the Capital Region:**

Of the **238,598** children in the Capital Region, an estimated **1,591** live with autism.

County	Number of Children	Number of Autistic Children
ALBANY	59,938	400
COLUMBIA	12,638	84
FULTON	11,708	78
GREENE	9,802	65
MONTGOMERY	10,902	73
RENSSELAER	33,256	222
SARATOGA	47,244	315
SCHENECTADY	34,203	228
SCHOHARIE	6,262	42
WASHINGTON	12,645	84

**County Statistics for the North Country:**

Of the **101,577** children in the North Country, an estimated **677** live with autism.

County	Number of Children	Number of Autistic Children
CLINTON	15,099	101
ESSEX	6,939	46
FRANKLIN	9,286	62
HAMILTON	817	5
JEFFERSON	28,538	190
LEWIS	5,873	39
ST.LAWRENCE	22,008	147
WARREN	13,017	87

**County Statistics for the Hudson Valley:**

Of the **448,926** children in the Hudson Valley, an estimated **3,662** live with autism.

County	Number of Children	Number of Autistic Children
DUTCHESS	64,400	430
ORANGE	100,082	668
PUTNAM	22,977	153
ROCKLAND	79,475	530
SULLIVAN	17,041	114
ULSTER	36,728	245
WESTCHESTER	228,123	1,522

**County Statistics for Long Island:**

Of the **672,595** children on Long Island, an estimated **4,486** live with autism.

County	Number of Children	Number of Autistic Children
NASSAU	306,021	2,041
SUFFOLK	366,574	2,445