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Schumer Study: Millions of Dollars in Refunds Owed To New Yorkers Collecting Dust at IRS

This study details the number of New Yorkers by county and region who did not pick up their tax refund checks in past years. Over 6,400 New Yorkers are owed over \$6.3 million by the IRS. The estimated amount per county is based on an average uncollected refund of \$979 in New York State. That is larger than the national average of \$834. The largest uncollected refund check in New York State is \$53,620. Nationwide over 87,000 taxpayers have uncollected refunds, and are owed over \$73 million.

The list includes New Yorkers from every part of the State. There are 145 uncollected refunds from the Capital Region totaling \$141,955. There are 135 uncollected refunds from Central NY totaling \$132,165; There are 178 uncollected refunds from Finger Lakes for \$174,262; There are 615 refunds from Hudson Valley for \$602,085. There are 71 uncollected refunds from North Country for \$69,509. There are 78 uncollected refunds from Southern Tier for \$76,362. There are 175 uncollected refunds from Western NY for \$171,325

New Yorkers can check their refund status on Senator Schumer's website at www.schumer.senate.gov or www.IRS.gov. Most uncollected refunds come as a result of an address change so New Yorkers who have moved within the last few years are urged to check the list and contact the IRS.

The following report details the number of uncollected tax refunds for New Yorkers in every county in the state.

Capital Region: There are **145 Capital Region** taxpayers who have not collected their tax refund from previous years. An estimated \$141,955 is owed to Capital Region New Yorkers.

County	Uncollected Refunds	Estimated Amount of Unclaimed Tax Refunds
Albany	59	\$57,761
Fulton	7	\$6,853
Montgomery	8	\$7,832
Rensselaer	23	\$22,517
Saratoga	27	\$26,433
Schenectady	14	\$13,706
Schohaire	1	\$979
Washington	6	\$5,874
Capital Region Total	145	\$141,955

Central New York: There are **135 Central New York** taxpayers who have not collected their tax refund from previous years. An estimated \$132,165 is owed to Central New Yorkers.

County	Uncollected Refunds	Estimated Amount of Unclaimed Tax Refunds
Cortland	9	\$8,811
Madison	3	\$2,937
Oneida	30	\$29,370
Onondaga	73	\$71,467
Oswego	20	\$19,580
Central New York	135	\$132,165

Finger Lakes: There are **178 Finger Lakes** taxpayers who have not collected their tax refund from previous years. An estimated **\$174,262** is owed to Finger Lakes New Yorkers.

Finger Lakes	Uncollected Refunds	Estimated Amount of Unclaimed Tax Refunds
Cayuga	9	\$8,811
Livingston	3	\$2,937
Monroe	118	\$115,522
Ontario	12	\$11,748
Schuyler	2	\$1,958
Seneca	1	\$ 979
Tompkins	20	\$19,580
Wayne	4	\$3,916
Yates	9	\$8,811
Finger Lakes Total	178	\$174,262

Hudson Valley: There are **615 Hudson Valley** taxpayers who have not collected their tax refund from previous years. An estimated **\$602,085** is owed to Hudson Valley New Yorkers.

Hudson Valley	Uncollected Refunds	Estimated Amount of Unclaimed Tax Refunds
Columbia	15	\$14,685
Dutchess	55	\$53,845
Greene	7	\$6,853
Orange	80	\$78,320
Putnam	17	\$16,643
Rockland	95	\$93,005
Sullivan	18	\$17,622
Ulster	39	\$38,181
Westchester	289	\$282,931
Hudson Valley Total	615	\$602,085

North Country: There are **71 North Country** taxpayers who have not collected their tax refund from previous years. An estimated **\$69,509** is owed to North Country New Yorkers.

North Country	Uncollected Refunds	Estimated Amount of Unclaimed Tax Refunds
Clinton	13	\$12,727
Essex	2	\$1,958
Franklin	6	\$5,874
Hamilton	1	\$ 979
Herkimer	4	\$3,916
Jefferson	25	\$24,475
Lewis	3	\$2,937
St. Lawrence	7	\$6,853
Warren	13	\$12,727
North Country Total	71	\$69,509

Southern Tier: There are **78 Southern Tier** taxpayers who have not collected their tax refund from previous years. An estimated **\$76,362** is owed to Southern Tier New Yorkers.

Southern Tier	Uncollected Refunds	Estimated Amount of Unclaimed Tax Refunds
Allegany	2	\$1,958
Broome	42	\$41,118
Chemung	7	\$6,853
Chenango	5	\$4,895
Delaware	3	\$2,937
Otsego	7	\$6,853
Steuben	9	\$8,811
Tioga	3	\$2,937
Southern Tier Total	78	\$76,362

Western New York: There are **175 Western New York** taxpayers who have not collected their tax refund from previous years. An estimated **\$171,325** is owed to Western New Yorkers.

Western New York	Uncollected Refunds	Estimated Amount of Unclaimed Tax Refunds
Cattaraugus	7	\$6,853
Chautauqua	13	\$12,727
Erie	114	\$111,606
Genesee	6	\$5,874
Niagara	26	\$25,454
Orleans	6	\$5,874
Wyoming	3	\$2,937
Western New York Total	175	\$171,325

There are 5020 uncollected refunds in New York City and Long Island.

***** Source: Schumer data based on latest IRS data.**