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## *Schumer Study: Hundreds of Thousands of Upstate New York Teenagers Have Easy Access Online to Prescription Medications*

A new Schumer study found that more than 150,000 Upstate New York teenagers have abused prescription drugs. While overall drug use is down, abuse of prescription drugs among kids between the ages of 12 and 19 remains more common than regular use of cocaine, methamphetamine, or ecstasy. The Partnership for a Drug Free America reported that 1 in 3 teenagers reported that it was easy to get these drugs over the internet.

The Schumer study is based on data from a survey done by the Partnership for a Drug Free America and population data from the United States Census Bureau.

Of the **101,141** teens living in the Capital Region, an estimated **19,217** have used prescription drugs to get high.

<b>County</b>	<b>Population between Ages 12 and 19</b>	<b>Estimated Number of Teens Who Have Used Prescription Drugs To Get High</b>
<b>Albany</b>	29,593	5,623
<b>Fulton</b>	5,535	1,052
<b>Montgomery</b>	4,872	926
<b>Rensselaer</b>	15,447	2,935
<b>Saratoga</b>	21,378	4,062
<b>Schenectady</b>	14,833	2,818
<b>Schoharie</b>	3,212	610
<b>Washington</b>	6,271	1,191
<b>Capital Region Total</b>	<b>101,141</b>	<b>19,217</b>

Of the **92,982** teens living in Central New York, an estimated **17,667** have used prescription drugs to get high.

<b>County</b>	<b>Population between Ages 12 and 19</b>	<b>Estimated Number of Teens Who Have Used Prescription Drugs To Get High</b>
<b>Onondaga</b>	45,576	8,659
<b>Oswego</b>	12,276	2,332
<b>Cortland</b>	4,838	919
<b>Madison</b>	6,999	1,330
<b>Oneida</b>	23,293	4,426
<b>Central New York Total</b>	<b>92,982</b>	<b>17,667</b>

Of the **124,799** teens living in the Rochester -- Finger Lakes Region, an estimated **23,712** have used prescription drugs to get high.

<b>County</b>	<b>Population between Ages 12 and 19</b>	<b>Estimated Number of Teens Who Have Used Prescription Drugs To Get High</b>
<b>Monroe</b>	72,790	13,830
<b>Cayuga</b>	8,105	1,540
<b>Livingston</b>	6,388	1,214
<b>Ontario</b>	10,394	1,975
<b>Schuyler</b>	1,925	366
<b>Seneca</b>	3,468	659
<b>Tompkins</b>	9,952	1,891
<b>Wayne</b>	9,314	1,770
<b>Yates</b>	2,463	468
<b>Rochester-Finger Lakes Total</b>	<b>124,799</b>	<b>23,712</b>

Of the **236,172** teens living in the Hudson Valley, an estimated **44,873** have used prescription drugs to get high.

<b>County</b>	<b>Population between Ages 12 and 19</b>	<b>Estimated Number of Teens Who Have Used Prescription Drugs To Get High</b>
<b>Westchester</b>	93,610	17,786
<b>Orange</b>	37,013	7,032
<b>Columbia</b>	6,330	1,203
<b>Dutchess</b>	29,337	5,574
<b>Greene</b>	4,943	939
<b>Putnam</b>	10,000	1,900
<b>Rockland</b>	29,145	5,538
<b>Sullivan</b>	7,616	1,447
<b>Ulster</b>	18,178	3,454
<b>Hudson Valley Total</b>	<b>236,172</b>	<b>44,873</b>

Of the **55,784** teens living in the North Country, an estimated **10,599** have used prescription drugs to get high.

<b>County</b>	<b>Population between Ages 12 and 19</b>	<b>Estimated Number of Teens Who Have Used Prescription Drugs To Get High</b>
<b>Clinton</b>	8,164	1,551
<b>St. Lawrence</b>	11,082	2,106
<b>Warren</b>	6,522	1,239
<b>Essex</b>	3,848	731
<b>Franklin</b>	5,078	965
<b>Hamilton</b>	520	99
<b>Herkimer</b>	6,346	1,206
<b>Jefferson</b>	11,580	2,200
<b>Lewis</b>	2,644	502
<b>North Country Total</b>	<b>55,784</b>	<b>10,599</b>

Of the **64,596** teens living in the Southern Tier, an estimated **12,273** have used prescription drugs to get high.

<b>County</b>	<b>Population between Ages 12 and 19</b>	<b>Estimated Number of Teens Who Have Used Prescription Drugs To Get High</b>
<b>Broome</b>	19,596	3,723
<b>Allegany</b>	5,035	957
<b>Chemung</b>	8,906	1,692
<b>Chenango</b>	5,150	979
<b>Delaware</b>	4,730	899
<b>Otsego</b>	6,243	1,186
<b>Steuben</b>	9,814	1,865
<b>Tioga</b>	5,122	973
<b>Southern Tier Total</b>	<b>64,596</b>	<b>12,273</b>

Of the **150,440** teens living in Western New York, an estimated **28,584** have used prescription drugs to get high.

<b>County</b>	<b>Population between Ages 12 and 19</b>	<b>Estimated Number of Teens Who Have Used Prescription Drugs To Get High</b>
<b>Erie</b>	92,605	17,595
<b>Genesee</b>	5,896	1,120
<b>Niagara</b>	21,592	4,102
<b>Orleans</b>	4,317	820
<b>Wyoming</b>	4,248	807
<b>Cattaraugus</b>	8,209	1,560
<b>Chautauqua</b>	13,573	2,579
<b>Western NY Total</b>	<b>150,440</b>	<b>28,584</b>