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Schumer Report: Violent Crime Up 10% in Upstate NY, Drug Arrests Increase 20% As Worries of Gang Violence Spread In Cities and Communities

With concerns over the growing gang presence across upstate New York and an increase in school violence in the United States, U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer today released a new report showing that there has been a 10 percent increase in reports of violent crime and a nearly 20 percent jump in the number of drug arrests in cities and communities across upstate New York.

Upstate New York has seen an increase in violent crime and drug-related offenses across the board. In 2005, 25,113 violent crimes were reported according to the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services. This represents an increase of nearly 10 percent from 23,310 reported in 2000. Schumer said that there has also been an even greater increase in the number of felony and misdemeanor drug arrests. In 2000, 19,113 arrests were made for drug related crimes (both felony and misdemeanor). That number rose to 22,449 arrests in 2005, a 17.5 percent increase. Arrests for violent crime were also up to 13,812 in 2005, up from 13,422 in 2000.

In the **Capital Region,** there were **3,443 violent** reported **crimes in 2005** and **2,846 drug arrests.**

County	Total Reported Violent Crimes 2000	Total Reported Violent Crimes 2005	Total Drug Arrests 2000	Total Drug Arrests 2005
Albany	1,353	1,615	1,435	1,521
Rensselaer	481	490	300	341
Schenectady	559	708	436	468
Saratoga	263	269	177	198
Fulton	134	109	36	98
Montgomery	107	122	76	88
Schoharie	26	33	36	53
Washington	206	97	47	79
Capital Regional Total	**3,129**	**3,443**	**2,543**	**2,846**

In **Central New York,** there were **2,876 violent crimes** reported **in 2005** and **2,203 drug arrests.**

County	Total Reported Violent Crimes 2000	Total Reported Violent Crimes 2005	Total Drug Arrests 2000	Total Drug Arrests 2005
Oneida	577	507	378	640
Oswego	111	187	77	93
Onondaga	2,001	1,969	1,322	1,333
Cortland	105	130	50	62
Madison	90	83	36	75
Central New York Total	**2,884**	**2,876**	**1,863**	**2,203**

In the **Rochester - Finger Lakes** region, there were **3,456 violent crimes** reported **in 2005** and **2,278 drug arrests.**

County	Total Reported Violent Crimes 2000	Total Reported Violent Crimes 2005	Total Drug Arrests 2000	Total Drug Arrests 2005
Cayuga	175	138	73	107
Seneca	31	37	20	40
Wayne	121	171	153	146
Yates	26	19	8	8
Ontario	107	110	152	118
Monroe	2,089	2,735	2,498	1,678
Livingston	88	65	63	80
Schuyler	21	30	7	12
Tompkins	113	151	112	89
Finger Lakes Total	**2,771**	**3,456**	**3,086**	**2,278**

In the **Hudson Valley**, there were **6,055 violent crimes** reported **in 2005** and **7,763 drug arrests.**

County	Total Reported Violent Crimes 2000	Total Reported Violent Crimes 2005	Total Drug Arrests 2000	Total Drug Arrests 2005
Westchester	2,624	2,632	2,203	3,532
Rockland	635	540	439	592
Dutchess	609	822	502	547
Ulster	401	558	433	556
Sullivan	285	258	278	315
Orange	1,014	956	1,200	1,746
Greene	153	133	52	83
Columbia	146	61	153	144
Putnam	53	95	119	158
Hudson Valley Total	**5,920**	**6,055**	**5,379**	**7,673**

In the **North Country**, there were **1,151 violent crimes** reported **in 2005** and **793 drug arrests.**

County	Total Reported Violent Crimes 2000	Total Reported Violent Crimes 2005	Total Drug Arrests 2000	Total Drug Arrests 2005
Warren	110	89	71	125
Essex	125	53	30	49
Clinton	239	173	89	119
Franklin	205	155	50	67
Hamilton	7	3	6	4
Herkimer	163	186	73	69
St. Lawrence	234	173	99	164
Lewis	14	28	1	28
Jefferson	157	291	146	168
North Country Total	**1,254**	**1,151**	**565**	**793**

In the **Southern Tier**, there were **1,268 violent crimes** reported **in 2005** and **1,318 drug arrests.**

County	Total Reported Violent Crimes 2000	Total Reported Violent Crimes 2005	Total Drug Arrests 2000	Total Drug Arrests 2005
Allegany	143	134	47	49
Broome	420	408	657	588
Otsego	134	112	28	76
Chemung	271	211	35	29
Chenango	103	88	199	268
Steuben	137	202	85	222
Tioga	34	31	18	42
Delaware	104	82	57	44
Southern Tier Total	**1,346**	**1,268**	**1,126**	**1,318**

In **Western New York**, there were **6,864 violent crimes** reported **in 2005** and **5,338 drug arrests.**

County	Total Reported Violent Crimes 2000	Total Reported Violent Crimes 2005	Total Drug Arrests 2000	Total Drug Arrests 2005
Cattaraugus	194	200	187	387
Chautauqua	287	391	92	131
Erie	4,545	5,017	3,767	4,062
Niagara	725	969	352	520
Genesee	85	96	76	96
Orleans	57	108	59	103
Wyoming	113	83	18	39
Western New York Total	**6,006**	**6,864**	**4,551**	**5,338**

***Data obtained from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services.