

How Much Would New Yorkers Save If They Knew Their Credit Score?

Nearly 80% of all mortgage lending decisions now use credit scores use to determine whether to extend a loan to an applicant and to make pricing decisions regarding the rates and terms of the loan, according to E-LOAN, an Internet mortgage company. In addition, roughly one-third of all borrowers who obtain loans from expensive subprime lenders have credit scores that would make them eligible for a “prime” rate, or lower cost loan, from a conventional bank. If these New Yorkers knew their credit score, they could save roughly \$1900 per month on much less expensive loans. The impact of Schumer's plan to make credit scores readily available to their owners would be dramatic throughout the state.

***Capital Region:** In 2002, 624 homeowners in the Capital Region overpaid for higher-priced loans because they did not know their credit score, resulting in more than \$1.1 million in overpayment.*

County	Homeowners Overpaying for Loans	Amount being overpaid
Albany	194	\$368,790
Fulton	56	\$105,450
Montgomery	38	\$72,390
Rensselaer	137	\$261,060
Saratoga	133	\$252,510
Schenectady	23	\$42,750
Washington	44	\$82,650
Schoharie	12	\$22,800
Total	624	\$1,185,600

***Central New York:** In 2002, 504 homeowners in Central New York overpaid for higher-priced loans because they did not know their credit score, resulting in more than \$956,000 in overpayment.*

County	Homeowners Overpaying for Loans	Amount being overpaid
Cortland	22	\$42,180
Madison	38	\$72,884
Oneida	143	\$271,890
Onondaga	234	\$444,030
Oswego	66	\$125,970
Total	504	\$956,954

Rochester and the Finger Lakes: In 2002, 705 homeowners in Rochester and the Finger Lakes overpaid for higher-priced loans because they did not know their credit score, resulting in more than \$1.3 million in overpayment.

County	Homeowners Overpaying for Loans	Amount being overpaid
Cayuga	45	\$84,930
Livingston	42	\$80,370
Seneca	59	\$112,290
Monroe	381	\$723,330
Ontario	60	\$114,000
Schuyler	15	\$28,500
Tompkins	22	\$41,040
Wayne	67	\$127,110
Yates	15	\$27,930
Total	705	\$1,339,500

Hudson Valley: In 2002, 2,576 homeowners in the Hudson Valley overpaid for higher-priced loans because they did not know their credit score, resulting in more than \$4.8 million in overpayment.

County	Homeowners Overpaying for Loans	Amount being overpaid
Columbia	47	\$90,060
Dutchess	376	\$713,640
Greene	43	\$82,080
Orange	479	\$909,150
Putnam	158	\$299,820
Rockland	324	\$615,600
Sullivan	77	\$146,490
Ulster	205	\$388,740
Westchester	868	\$1,649,010
Total	2576	\$4,894,590

North Country: In 2002, 421 homeowners in the North Country overpaid for higher-priced loans because they did not know their credit score, resulting in more than \$799,000 in overpayment.

County	Homeowners Overpaying for Loans	Amount being overpaid
Clinton	41	\$76,950
Essex	30	\$57,570
Franklin	33	\$63,270
St Lawrence	143	\$271,890
Hamilton	3	\$6,270
Herkimer	62	\$116,850
Jefferson	56	\$106,020
Lewis	9	\$17,670
Warren	44	\$83,220
Total	421	\$799,710

Southern Tier: In 2002, 441 homeowners in the Southern Tier overpaid for higher-priced loans because they did not know their credit score, resulting in more than \$837,000 in overpayment.

County	Homeowners Overpaying for Loans	Amount being overpaid
Allegany	22	\$41,610
Broome	79	\$149,910
Chemung	182	\$345,420
Chenango	30	\$56,430
Delaware	13	\$23,940
Otsego	39	\$74,670
Steuben	53	\$101,460
Tioga	23	\$43,890
Total	441	\$837,330

Western New York: In 2002, 990 homeowners in Western New York overpaid for higher-priced loans because they did not know their credit score, resulting in more than \$1.8 million in overpayment.

County	Homeowners Overpaying for Loans	Amount being overpaid
Cattaraugus	50	\$94,620
Chautauqua	105	\$199,500
Erie	596	\$1,132,020
Niagara	164	\$311,790
Orleans	46	\$86,640
Wyoming	29	\$55,860
Genesee	39	\$73,530
Total	990	\$1,880,430

Source: US Department of Housing and Urban Development