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## ***Schumer Study: Meth Lab Raids In Every Corner of New York, and Over a Thousand Admitted To Treatment For Meth Addiction***

Nationally, methamphetamine use has grown by as much as 300% in some communities. According to the Drug Enforcement Agency, during 2000, 4% of the U.S. population or 12.3 million people reported trying methamphetamine at least once in their lifetime. Nationwide meth lab seizures have more than doubled from over 7,000 in 1999 to over 17,000 in 2004. In 1999, there were three meth lab raids in the entire state of New York, but by 2003 there were 73. In the past year, we have made some progress with raids slightly dropping to 53 in 2004. Admissions to NYS drug treatment clinics have risen by over 80% in five years. In 1999, 623 people were admitted to treatment for meth addiction in NYS, but in 2004 that number grew to 1118.

This problem plagues every corner of New York State; there have been clandestine meth lab raids in 39 counties since 1999. In some regions, like the Southern Tier and North Country the problem is particularly acute. Meth lab raids in the Southern Tier and North Country account for 71% of the total meth lab raids, but only for 38% of meth addiction admissions.

There have been 216 arrests under NYS law for possession and sale of meth since 1999 as well. Since many local law enforcement work in tandem with the Drug Enforcement Agency on meth cases, there were also 114 DEA arrests since 2002. In many rural areas, law enforcement turns to the DEA for help with clandestine labs since federal laws made it easier to prosecute.

In the Capitol Region there were **18** meth lab raids since 1999, **37** state level arrests since 2002, and **155** admissions for meth addiction to New York State addiction clinics in the last two years. The Capitol Region accounts for **12%** of Upstate New York's meth treatments.

County	Meth Lab Raids Since 1999	Actual Meth Arrests Under NYS Law Since 1999	Meth Admissions to NYS Clinics By Residence in 2003-2004	Percentage of Upstate NY Meth Admissions
Albany	1	10	48	3.75%
Fulton	8	3	20	1.56%
Montgomery	4	13	22	1.72%
Rensselaer	-	1	12	0.94%
Saratoga	-	-	17	1.33%
Schenectady	-	3	22	1.72%
Schoharie	5	7	8	0.63%
Washington	-	-	6	0.47%
<b>Capitol Region Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>12.12%</b>

In the Central New York region there were **6** meth lab raids since 1999, **19** arrests since 1999, and **158** admissions for meth addiction to New York State drug addiction clinics in the last two years. Central New York accounts for **12%** of Upstate New York's meth treatments.

County	Meth Lab Raids Since 1999	Actual Meth Arrests Under NYS Since 1999	Meth Admissions to NYS Clinics By Residence in 2003-2004	Percentage of Upstate NY Meth Admissions
Cortland	1	1	6	0.47%
Madison	-	2	9	0.70%
Oneida	1	9	48	3.75%
Onondaga	2	6	80	6.25%
Oswego	2	1	15	1.17%
<b>Central New York Region Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>12.35%</b>

In the Rochester/Finger Lakes region there were **24** meth lab raids since 1999, **9** New York State arrests since 1999 and **139** admissions for meth addiction to New York State drug addiction clinics in the last two years. The Rochester/Finger Lakes accounts for **11%** of Upstate's meth treatments.

County	Meth Lab Raids Since 1999	Actual Meth Arrests Under NYS Since 1999	Meth Admissions to NYS Clinics By Residence in 2003-2004	Percentage of Upstate NY Meth Admissions
Cayuga	6	1	23	1.80%
Livingston	-	-	7	0.55%
Monroe	2	3	52	4.07%
Ontario	5	1	12	0.94%
Schuyler	2	1	8	0.63%
Seneca	2	2	3	0.23%
Tompkins	4	1	24	1.88%
Wayne	-	-	9	0.70%
Yates	3	-	1	0.08%
<b>Rochester/Finger Lakes Region Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>10.87%</b>

In the Hudson Valley there were **4** meth lab raids since 1999, **50** arrests since 1999, and **190** admissions for meth addiction to New York State drug addiction clinics in the last two years. The Hudson Valley region accounts for **15%** of Upstate New York's meth treatments.

County	Meth Lab Raids Since 1999	Actual Meth Arrests Under NYS Since 1999	Meth Admissions to NYS Clinics By Residence in 2003-2004	Percentage of Upstate NY Meth Admissions
Columbia	-	1	4	0.31%
Dutchess	-	4	33	2.58%
Greene	1	2	3	0.23%
Orange	-	12	43	3.36%
Putnam	-	2	7	0.55%
Rockland	-	6	14	1.09%
Sullivan	-	5	9	0.70%
Ulster	3	3	17	1.33%
Westchester	-	15	60	4.69%
<b>Hudson Valley Region Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>14.86%</b>

In the North Country there were **50** meth lab raids since 1999, **36** arrests since 1999, and **167** admissions for meth addiction to New York State drug addiction clinics in the last two years. The North Country accounts for **13%** of Upstate New York's meth treatments.

County	Meth Lab Raids Since 1999	Actual Meth Arrests Under NYS Since 1999	Meth Admissions to NYS Clinics By County of Residence in 2003-2004	Percentage of Upstate NY Meth Admissions
Clinton	1	6	15	1.17%
Essex	-	-	5	0.39%
Franklin	2	2	11	0.86%
Hamilton	1	-	1	0.08%
Herkimer	11	15	17	1.33%
Jefferson	29	13	87	6.80%
Lewis	3	-	5	0.39%
St. Lawrence	3	-	18	1.41%
Warren	-	-	8	0.63%
<b>North Country Region Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>13.06%</b>

In the Southern Tier there have been **92** meth lab raids since 1999, **40** New York State arrests since 2002, and **324** admissions for meth addiction to New York State drug addiction clinics in the last two years. The Southern Tier accounts for **25%** of Upstate New York's meth treatments.

County	Meth Lab Raids Since 1999	Actual Meth Arrests Under NYS Since 1999	Meth Admissions to NYS Clinics By Residence in 2003-2004	Percentage of Upstate NY Meth Admissions
Allegany	-	1	7	0.55%
Broome	7	4	110	8.60%
Chemung	26	5	26	2.03%
Chenango	1	-	13	1.02%
Delaware	3	3	12	0.94%
Otsego	22	7	21	1.64%
Steuben	3	1	38	2.97%
Tioga	30	19	97	7.58%
<b>Southern Tier Region Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>25.33%</b>

In Western New York there have been **5** meth lab raids since 1999, **25** arrests since 1999, and **146** admissions for meth addiction to New York State drug addiction clinics in the last two years. Western New York region accounts for **11%** of Upstate New York's meth treatments.

<b>County</b>	<b>Meth Lab Raids Since 1999</b>	<b>Actual Meth Arrests Under NYS Since 1999</b>	<b>Meth Admissions to NYS Clinics By Residence in 2003-2004</b>	<b>Percentage of Upstate NY Meth Admissions</b>
Cattaraugus	1	-	10	0.78%
Chautauqua	3	4	15	1.17%
Erie	1	12	89	6.96%
Genesee	-	3	10	0.78%
Niagara	-	5	17	1.33%
Orleans	0	1	0	0.00%
Wyoming	-	-	5	0.39%
<b>Western New York Region Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>11.42%</b>

**\*\*Meth Lab raids information from the DEA and UNYRIC (Upstate New York Regional Intelligence Center,) Arrest information from the DEA and the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services, and admission information from the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services.**