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Schumer Study: How Many New York Reservists Lose Income At Home While Fighting Terror Abroad?

While thousands of brave New Yorkers face America's enemies abroad, the hidden "shame of the service" is that many of these soldiers and their families suffer financial hardship at home. To make sure that soldiers don't sacrifice their livelihoods at home when risking their lives abroad, Senator Schumer has proposed a 50% tax credit for employers of reservists serving overseas. This tax credit would make it easier for employers to keep paying the salaries of soldiers and would keep the troops' families solvent on the home front.

Recent data indicates over 7,400 New Yorkers serve on active duty in the National Guard or Reserves. A recent report by the non-partisan, independent Government Accountability Office indicates that 41% of those reservists may lose significant income while serving their country in Iraq or Afghanistan. Senator Schumer released a report today detailing the number of reservists serving from every county in New York State, and the estimated number of reservists losing income.

The Schumer study calculated the estimated number of reservists who would be helped by the Schumer tax credit based on data supplied by the Pentagon's Defense Manpower Institute, and reports by the independent, non-partisan Government Accountability Office. The number of reservists is as of December 1, 2004.

The following report details the numbers of county-by-county called up reservists and the estimated number of reservists losing income due to service overseas.

Capital Region: Currently there are **792 Capital Region reservists** serving their country overseas on active duty. An estimated **325 of those reservists'** families lose income as a result of their service, and could be helped by the Schumer tax credit.

County	Activated Reservists	Estimated Number of Reservists Losing Income While Serving on Active Duty
Albany	211	87
Fulton	36	15
Montgomery	46	19
Rensselaer	153	63
Saratoga	166	68
Schenectady	113	46
Schoharie	23	9
Washington	44	18
Capital Region Total	**792**	**325**

Central New York: Currently there are **354 Central New York reservists** serving their country overseas on active duty. An estimated **145 of those reservists'** families lose income as a result of their service, and could be helped by the Schumer tax credit.

County	Activated Reservists	Estimated Number of Reservists Losing Income While Serving on Active Duty
Cortland	18	7
Madison	31	13
Oneida	130	53
Onondaga	137	56
Oswego	38	16
Central New York	**354**	**145**

Finger Lakes: Currently there are **445 Finger Lakes reservists** serving their country overseas on active duty. An estimated 1**82 of those reservists'** families lose income as a result of their service, and could be helped by the Schumer tax credit.

Finger Lakes	Activated Reservists	Estimated Number of Reservists Losing Income While Serving on Active Duty
Cayuga	20	8
Livingston	40	16
Monroe	262	107
Ontario	46	19
Schuyler	0	0
Seneca	18	7
Tompkins	11	5

Wayne	46	19
Yates	2	1
Finger Lakes Total	**445**	**182**

Hudson Valley: Currently there are **1090 Hudson Valley reservists** serving their country overseas on active duty. An estimated **447 of those reservists'** families lose income as a result of their service, and could be helped by the Schumer tax credit.

Hudson Valley	Activated Reservists	Estimated Number of Reservists Losing Income While Serving on Active Duty
Columbia	31	13
Dutchess	168	69
Greene	23	9
Orange	376	154
Putnam	45	18
Rockland	81	33
Sullivan	52	21
Ulster	109	45
Westchester	205	85
Hudson Valley Total	**1090**	**447**

North Country: Currently there are **404 North Country reservists** serving their country overseas on active duty. An estimated **166 of those reservists'** families lose income as a result of their service, and could be helped by the Schumer tax credit.

North Country	Activated Reservists	Estimated Number of Reservists Losing Income While Serving on Active Duty
Clinton	72	30
Essex	35	14
Franklin	28	11
Hamilton	4	2
Herkimer	40	16
Jefferson	108	44
Lewis	11	5
St. Lawrence	61	25
Warren	45	18
North Country Total	**404**	**166**

***Southern Tier*:** Currently there are **182 Southern Tier reservists** serving their country overseas on active duty. An estimated **75 of those reservists'** families lose income as a result of their service, and could be helped by the Schumer tax credit.

Southern Tier	Activated Reservists	Estimated Number of Reservists Losing Income While Serving on Active Duty
Allegany	5	2
Broome	71	29
Chemung	0	0
Chenango	30	12
Delaware	22	9
Otsego	27	11
Steuben	1	0
Tioga	26	11
Southern Tier Total	**182**	**75**

***Western New York*:** Currently there are **763 Capital Region reservists** serving their country overseas on active duty. An estimated **313 of those reservists'** families lose income as a result of their service, and could be helped by the Schumer tax credit.

Western New York	Activated Reservists	Estimated Number of Reservists Losing Income While Serving on Active Duty
Cattaraugus	14	6
Chautauqua	53	22
Erie	469	192
Genesee	27	11
Niagara	150	62
Orleans	27	11
Wyoming	23	9
Western New York Total	**763**	**313**

***** Source: Schumer data based on Pentagon Defense Manpower Data Center, and reports by the Government Accountability Office (GAO.)**