

Violence

2003/04 Updates Noted
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Community

Key Word	Indicator	Source
assault, county	In 1998, assault hospitalizations in Cayuga County of 40.5/100,000 were higher than the Cortland, Oswego, Seneca, Wayne, and Tompkins county range (14.8 - 25.2). The upstate average was 42.2.	Partners for a Healthy Community, 1998.
guns, county	Cayuga County's mortality rate associated with firearms was 45% higher than the upstate New York average.	Safe Schools/Healthy Students – P.4.
hate crimes, national	In the US 80% of gay men and women experience verbal or physical harassment, 45% are threatened with violence and 17% are physically attacked.	Sex in America, Psychology Today, January/February, 2002.
self-inflicted, county youth	Youthful Cayuga County residents are hospitalized at twice the upstate rate for intentional, self-inflicted injuries. While the numbers are small, the consistent high rate, over time, indicates there is a problem. In 1995, the hospitalization rate for ages 10-19 was 146.5/100,000 in Cayuga County compared to 84.6/100,000, in NYS. During the 3 years, from 1993-1995, the County averaged 9 hospital admissions for self-inflicted injuries for youth 15-19 years, a rate of 171.4/100,000 youth ages 15-19 years. In the 3 years from 1996-1998 the average number of these hospitalizations jumped to 15 for a rate of 269.5/100,000. This rate was more than twice the upstate rate of 120.7/100,000. By 2000 there was a small decline, but the County's rate is still elevated and twice that of upstate. For the 3 year period, 1998--2000, there were an annual average of 12 hospital admissions for self-inflicted injuries in the age group 15-19 years, for a rate of 215.4/10,000 youth 15-19. The upstate rate for the same time period and the same age cohort was 108.4/10,000.	Safe Schools/Healthy Students – P.4; NYS Kids Count 1998 Data Book. NYS Kids Count 2000 Data Book. NYS Kids Count 2002 Data Book.
suicide, county	The number of suicides in Cayuga County over the course of 1996 -2000 reached a high in 1998 and then fell. In 1996 there were 8 suicides. In 1997 there were 7. In 1998 there were 13 suicides. The 1998 rate of 15.2 per 100,000 was significantly higher than upstate (NY state excluding NYC) of 8 per 100,000. The number of suicides in 2000 was 4, or 4.9 per 100,000. The upstate rate for 2000 was 7.8 per 100,000.	NYSDOH, County Health Indicator Profiles (1994-1998). County Health Indicator Profiles (1996-2000), NYSDOH, 2002.
suicide, ages 15-19, county	Over the course of 1996 -1998, there were 2 deaths in Cayuga County (12.3 per 100,000 residents) and 30 deaths in region three (9 per 100,000 residents), of residents age 15-19, from suicide. New York State showed 5.9 per 100,000 residents during this time period.	1996-1998 Vital Statistics Data as of August, 2000

suicide, ages 15-19, population	<p>Comparison data (1996-1998 cited above) indicates an increase in suicide deaths and death rates per 100,000 residents age 15-19. During 1998-2000, the number of suicide deaths was 4 (during 1996-1998 there were two). The suicide rate was 23.9 per 100,000 residents age 15-19 for this age group in Cayuga County during 1998-2000 as compared to 12.3 for the previous three year period. Comparing the county with the region and the state reveals that the Cayuga County rate is substantially higher. The death rate per 100,000 residents age 15-19 in the region was 9.1 and 5.5 for the state.</p>	<p>NYSDOH Community Health Data Set, 1998-2000 Vital Statistics Data as of August, 2002. 12/2003.</p>
assault, hospitalizations, county	<p>There was a decline in the number of hospital discharges due to assault in the county between 1998 and 2000. In 1998 there were 15 discharges, 13 in 1999 and 7 in 2000. In addition, the assault discharge rate per 100,000 population was 13.6 for the county during this period, 19.6 for the region and 46.2 for the state.</p>	<p>NYSDOH Community Health Data Set, 1998-2000 Vital Statistics Data as of August, 2002. 12/2003.</p>
self-inflicted, hospitalizations, county	<p>During 1998-2000, Cayuga County had the third highest discharge rate per 100,000 population for self-inflicted injury in region III. The county rate was 62.6, the regional rate was 55.3 and the state rate was 41.2.</p>	<p>NYSDOH Community Health Data Set, 1998-2000 Vital Statistics Data as of August, 2002. 12/2003.</p>
violent crimes	<p>In 1995, there were 233 violent crimes committed in Cayuga County for a rate of 2.8/1,000. In 1997, violent crimes fell to 168, a rate of 2/1,000. In 1999, the number of violent crimes remained stable with 179 violent crimes committed for a rate of 2.2/1,000. The upstate rate for violent crimes was 2.6/1,000 in 1999.</p>	<p>NYS Kids Count 2000 Data Book. NYS Kids Count 2002 Data Book.</p>
homicide	<p>Between 1996 and 2000 there have been a total of three homicides in the county. There was one homicide reported in 2000, this represents a rate of 1.2 per 100,000 population. The rate for NYS (excluding NYC) was 2.7 for 2000.</p>	<p>County Health Indicator Profiles (1996-2000), NYSDOH.</p>

Domestic

Key Word	Indicator	Source
child abuse & maltreatment	Child abuse prevention was rated as one of the most serious need areas by key informants (human service agencies).	United Way Needs Assessment, 1/94.
domestic violence	In 1994, domestic violence was rated as "a least serious need" area by the general public.	United Way Needs Assessment, 1/94.
domestic violence	In 1998, there were 2,000+ incidents of domestic violence known to the police, more than 12 times the number of violent index offenses.	Safe Schools/Healthy Students – P.6 (federally funded domestic violence database – unique).
domestic violence	Based on the high incidence of domestic violence, it would appear that a high number of children are witnessing such violence; this would be especially true in Auburn.	Safe Schools/Healthy Students – P.6 (federally funded domestic violence database – unique).
domestic violence	Auburn's domestic violence rate is nearly twice that of the rest of the county.	Safe Schools/Healthy Students – P.6 (domestic violence database).

domestic violence	Domestic violence (crimes against family members, girl & boyfriends) had the highest incidence ever, since tracking, in Cayuga County during March 1998.	Partners for a Healthy Community, 1998.
domestic violence	In 1999, there were 871 reports of domestic violence in Auburn. In 2000 there were 1,137 and in 2001 there were 1418 reports. This represents an increase of 63% since 1999.	The Citizen, 2/18/2002, Auburn Police Department Reports.
elder abuse	Elder abuse remains a serious problem facing every community. Abused and neglected elderly are among the most isolated victims of family violence. They are maltreated by their spouses, adult children or other relatives. Typically, they are physically and financially unable to move away from the abusive or neglectful situation. In 1999, in Cayuga County, there were 95 referrals for protective services for adults. Of those, 39 cases were opened for service and approximately 1/3rd involved allegations of elder abuse.	NYS Dept. of Social Services, 1994/95 Annual Report, Strengthening New York's Families (Hoyt Children & Family Trust Fund); DHHS data, 11/2000.
elder abuse	In 1999, there were 95 referrals for protective services for adults, and of those, 39 cases were opened for service. Since 1999 the number of referrals for protective services for adults has increased to 114 in 2000, a 17% increase. The adult protective unit averages approximately 30 on-going cases. The estimate percentage of referrals with allegations of elder abuse has averaged 20-25% during 2000 and 2001.	1999, 2000 & 2001 DHHS data, 2002.
domestic violence	In 1999, 19 women and 18 children received residential services in response to domestic violence. By September, 2000 15 women and 19 children had received residential services.	DHHS data, 9/2000.
domestic violence	For the first 9 months of 2000, there were 69 new cases of domestic violence opened (receiving services) and short term services to 210 residents without opening cases. As of late 2000, there are approximately 30 open cases per month.	DHHS data, 9/2000.
domestic violence - residential services	In 1999, 34 individuals (15 women & 19 children) were provided with shelter totaling 343 bed nights. 80% were Cayuga County residents (12 of 19 women). Between 1/00 and 8/00, 37 individuals (19 women & 18 children) were provided with shelter totaling 341 bed nights. 78% were Cayuga County residents (15 of 19 women). There have been an average of 16 women per year over the last six years denied shelter in Cayuga County (the shelter was full, mental health problems, location was unsafe, etc.).	Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Domestic Violence Services Progress Report, August, 2000.
domestic violence - residential services	Barriers to providing residential services for those dealing with domestic violence include: serious drug and alcohol problems; cannot house individuals with serious mental health issues; requirement of filling out the public assistance application; finding safe place for pets of battered women.	Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Domestic Violence Services Progress Report, August, 2000.

domestic violence - hotline service

In 1999, the C/SCAA answered 258 hotline calls, and between 1/00 and 8/00 they had answered 217 hotline calls. Should this rate continue, there will be a 17% increase in 2000 compared to 1999.

Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Domestic Violence Services Progress Report, August, 2000.

domestic violence - services

The majority of people served by the domestic violence services of C/SCAA are short term contacts. Some continue services, such as support group or children's group, for a longer period (children's group for several years).

Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Domestic Violence Services Progress Report, August, 2000.

domestic violence - case income

Between 1/00 and 8/00, 69 cases were opened: 30 of which had personal employment as the sole income, 7 personal employment and food stamps, 9 with no personal income, and the balance combinations of various public assistance benefits. Fifty percent received some form of public assistance and 50% did not.

Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Domestic Violence Services Progress Report, August, 2000.

domestic violence

Domestic violence programs were identified as a high need area by both youth providers and service recipients.

Cayuga County Youth Bureau Needs Assessment, 1996.

domestic violence

In 1997, it was noted that domestic violence issues were not being assessed and went untreated.

Cayuga County 1997 Local Services Plan for Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (CHAD).

child abuse & maltreatment, reports

Child Protective Services Statistics show a yearly average of 665 new reports per year between 1988 and 1998. In 2000 there were a total of 711 new reports and 800 new reports in 2001. This represents an increase of 99 from 2000. As of June 2002, there were 398 new CPS reports. The number of CPS reports per 1000 children in Cayuga County have increased since 1998, however, it is lower than comparable counties. In 2000 it was 34.5/1000 in Cayuga and 46.6/1000 in comparable counties.

Cayuga County DHHS, Child Protective Statistics, 1/2001, 6/2002.

child abuse & maltreatment, reports

All reports of child abuse & maltreatment referred locally by the State must be investigated. In 2000, Child Protective workers investigated over 700 reported incidents, a significant number requiring large amounts of time and effort. Since 1997, the average number of investigated reports "not founded" has been 450.

Cayuga County DHHS, Child Protective Statistics, 5/2002.

child abuse & maltreatment, reports

The percent of all new CPS reports which were indicated in Cayuga County was 16% in 2000, 22% in 2001 and 26% to date (June) in 2002 .

Cayuga County DHHS, Child Protective Statistics, 6/2002.

child abuse & maltreatment, children

Child Protective Services Statistics report a total of 1283 children involved in child protective reports of abuse, maltreatment or sexual abuse during 2000. When comparing numbers from 1988 through 2000, this is the largest number of children involved in such reports. The second highest year was 1992 which reported 1229 children involved. The average total number of children involved during 1996 - 1999 was 1127. The year 2000 shows a 13.8% increase above this average.

Cayuga County DHHS, Child Protective Statistics, 1/2001.

sexual abuse, children	<p>Child Protective Services Statistics report a total of 63 children involved in child protective reports of sexual abuse during 2000. When comparing numbers from 1988 through 2000, this is the smallest number of children involved in such reports.</p> <p>The highest year was 1996 which reported 143 children involved in reports of sexual abuse. The total number of children involved has decreased since 1996 by 56% (80 children). However, in 2001 there were 122 children involved in sexual abuse reports, representing an increase of almost 100% from 2000.</p>	Cayuga County DHHS, Child Protective Statistics, 1/2001, 5/2002.
sexual abuse, children	<p>In 2001 the number indicated sexual abuse cases was 21 and in 2000 it was 13, an increase of almost 40% from 2000.</p>	Cayuga County DHHS, Child Protective Statistics, 5/2002.
maltreatment, children	<p>Child Protective Services Statistics report that the total number of children involved in child protective reports of maltreatment has increased by 16.7% (174 children) since 1996. In 2000 there were 1200 children involved in maltreatment allegations and 1400 in 2001, an increase of 200 children.</p>	Cayuga County DHHS, Child Protective Statistics, 1/2001.
child abuse & maltreatment	<p>Cayuga County continues to be significantly below upstate in the rate of indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment. In 1996 the number of reports of child abuse and maltreatment was 127. By 1998, this number increased to 155 for a County rate of 14.1/1,000 families, well below the upstate New York rate of 20.6/1,000 families. In 2000 the number of founded reports dropped to 121. (The 2002 data book does not provide county and upstate rates per 1,000 families)</p>	NYS Kids Count 2000 Data Book. NYS Kids Count 2002 Data Book.