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# Introduction

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This is the twenty-seventh edition of the *New York State Statistical Yearbook*, which the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government publishes annually in cooperation with the Office of the Governor and the New York State Division of the Budget. For information about other New York activities of the Institute, see our website at [www.rockinst.org](http://www.rockinst.org),

The *Yearbook* is laid out in a manner similar to the *Statistical Abstract of the United States*. The first section includes demographic and population information such as births, deaths, household characteristics and other demographic characteristics of the State. Sections B and C contain economic information. Last year, Section B had significant changes to reflect nationally adopted improvements in data systems for industrial classification. Sections D, E and F contain information about elections and government finances and employment. The sections that follow cover banking and insurance, energy and utilities, housing, education, public safety and criminal justice, education, health and human services, transportation, agriculture, and environment.

There is a listing of tables at the beginning of each section. In the back of the book, a directory of the major State agencies provides the addresses and telephone numbers of persons in each agency who can help provide additional information. Most of the tables in the book contain data arranged by the five boroughs of New York City and the 57 counties in the rest of the State. A map of the State of New York with the county and borough breakdown is provided on page viii. The abbreviations and symbols used in this book are explained on page vi. Specialized terms for each section of the book can be found in the glossaries at the end of each section.

The contents of the *Yearbook* are reviewed annually to improve the book and to make it as user-friendly as possible. This year, additional 2000 Census are available and can be found in Sections A and I.

This year is a special one for the *Statistical Yearbook*. We are going online. Starting in mid-January, the Rockefeller Institute will create a new and separate website — *New York State Statistics* at [www.nysstatistics.org](http://www.nysstatistics.org). In addition to presenting the *Yearbook* in interactive form, this website will present periodic “Briefs” on New York State conditions. It will also provide notices with links to newly available New York State data. The site will be managed by Nicholas Jenny ([jennyn@rockinst.org](mailto:jennyn@rockinst.org)). The *Yearbook* will continue to be published in hard copy for subscribers and state officials. We are grateful to our subscribers, almost all of whom when surveyed agreed that this is a good plan.

This *New York State Statistical Yearbook* is made possible with the generous assistance of the State agencies, especially the many helpful experts in state agencies who spend hours tracking down answers to our questions. Special thanks are also due to the staff members of the Publications Office at the Rockefeller Institute who work year round to compile, edit, and proof this book: Michael Cooper is director of publications; he is ably assisted on this special project by Michele Charbonneau.

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