
Introduction

This is the twenty-ninth 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 state and local activities of the Institute, see our website at 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. 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.

The book contains many user-aids, such as the 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.

Each year, the book is reviewed to revamp its presentation and to make it as user-friendly as possible. This year we

have made several improvements. New maps have been added to Sections A, C, I, and M with Census information from Empire State Development; maps of the metropolitan and micropolitan areas of New York State, New York State Economic Development Region, and Metropolitan Statistical Areas of New York State. We also have changed the format of the divider pages. The divider pages list the titles of each table but also include a paragraph presenting a summary of highlights for each section. New tables on immigration have been added to Section A and additional tables on state taxes and earned income tax credit have been added to Section E.

The *Statistical Yearbook* is available online. It can be found at www.nysstatistics.org. The book continues to be published in hard copy for subscribers, libraries, and state officials. We are grateful to our subscribers who agreed that this is a good plan. This year's edition of the *Statistical Yearbook* will be available online shortly after publication.

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