
Introduction

This is the thirtieth 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 organized in a manner similar to the *Statistical Abstract of the United States*. Section A presents demographic and population information—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.

At the beginning of each section, “*Highlight*” information is provided along with a listing of tables. The back of the book contains a directory of State agencies and provides the addresses and telephone numbers of the people in each agency who provided information for the *Yearbook*. For most of the tables, data are presented for the five boroughs of New York City and the 57 counties in the rest of the State. A map of the State’s counties and boroughs is provided on page viii. Abbreviations and symbols are explained on page vi. Specialized terms used in the book may be found in the glossaries at the end of each section.

The material in the *Yearbook* is reviewed every year to improve the quality of the book and make it as user-friendly as possible. This year we have added several new tables: E-46, “Principal and Interest Payments for Governmental Activity Capital Leases” (page 261); and E-56, “New York State and Local Retirement System Net Assets Available for Benefits, Contributions and Benefits Paid” (page 272); I-27, “Value of State and Local Construction Put in Place, United States” (pages 388-89); and L-23, “New York Independent System Operator Electric Energy Load and Capacity Schedule” (page 514).

The *Yearbook* is available online at www.nysstatistics.org. It is published in hard copy for subscribers, libraries, and state officials.

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