



# Appendix

Directory of Major New York State  
Government Agencies and Other Sources



## Adirondack Park Agency

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The Adirondack Park Agency was created in 1971 pursuant to Article 27 of the Executive Law as an independent agency in the State Executive Department. It is comprised of eleven members, eight of whom are private citizens appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate, five of whom must be full-time Park residents, no more than five of whom may be of the same political party. The Governor appoints a chairperson from the citizen members. The other three members are the commissioners of Environmental Conservation and Economic Development and the Secretary of State.

The basic purpose of the Adirondack Park Agency Act is to “ensure optimum overall conservation, protection, preservation, development and use of the unique scenic, aesthetic, wildlife, recreational, open space, historic, ecological and natural resources of the Adirondack park.” The Agency seeks to accomplish this through master planning for State lands, and administration of a land use control program for private lands. Almost 50 percent of the land of the Park is Forest Preserve owned by the people of the State and protected by Article XIV of the State Constitution, which mandates that it “. . . be forever kept as wild forest lands” and prohibits timber cutting or alienation.

The Agency administers the State Land Master Plan in consultation with the Department of Environmental Conservation. Upon approval by the Governor the Master Plan guides the management of State lands. It also administers the “Adirondack Park Private Land Use and Development Plan” enacted by the Legislature for private lands. It seeks to encourage towns and villages to adopt local land use programs. Upon Agency approval of such plans, much of the Agency's permitting function over new land use, development, and subdivision is transferred to local government.

The Agency also administers the State Wild, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers System Act on private lands and the Freshwater Wetlands Act for both public and private lands within the Park. Approximately 95 percent of the Wild, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers in the State are in the Park, and approximately 14 percent of the six million acre Park is wetland.

The Agency also operates two Adirondack Park Visitor Interpretive Centers: the Paul Smiths Center on Route 30 in the Town of Brighton, Franklin County, and the Newcomb Center on Route 28, Town of Newcomb, Essex County. Both centers offer interpreted trails, indoor exhibits and audiovisual programs, without charge, daily except Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, New York State Office of

See: Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities, Commission on

## Affordable Housing Corporation, New York State

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The New York State Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC), established as a subsidiary of the New York State Housing Finance Agency (HFA) pursuant to Section 45-b and 1113(1) of the Private Housing Finance Law, was formed to administer the Affordable Home Ownership Development Program. The purpose of the Program is to promote homeownership by persons of low and moderate income, which, in turn, fosters development, stabilization, and preservation of neighborhoods and communities. To achieve these goals, AHC provides financial assistance, in conjunction with other private and public investment, for the construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, and improvement of owner-occupied housing.

Within the limits of available funding, AHC may provide grants not in excess of the lesser of: 60 percent of the project cost; or the following per dwelling unit limitations: up to \$35,000 per unit; or \$40,000 per unit for a high cost project as determined by AHC, or projects receiving a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Service (formerly the Farmer's Home Administration) Loan. To encourage the leveraging of other private and public funds, AHC grants cannot exceed 60 percent of total project development costs. By reducing development and rehabilitation costs, assistance provided by AHC under its Program makes homeownership affordable to families and individuals for whom there are no other reasonable and affordable home ownership alternatives in the private market. Additionally, development and rehabilitation activities undertaken in connection with the Program are intended to help eliminate conditions of blight and deterioration and to create jobs and stability in communities throughout the State. Eligible applicants include: local municipalities, public housing authorities, housing development fund companies, neighborhood and rural preservation companies, as well as any not-for-profit corporation or charitable organization primarily involved in housing development.

AHC works with its parent agency, HFA, and its sister agency, the State of New York Mortgage Agency (SONYMA), to increase homeownership opportunities. As part of these agencies' policy of one-stop shopping, a SONYMA Project Set-Aside application has been incorporated into the AHC application.

AHC's board, which by statute is composed of the members of HFA's board, consists of the Commissioners of Taxation and Finance and of Housing and Community Renewal, and the Director of the Budget, ex-officio; as well as four additional members appointed for six-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. Members of the AHC board serve without compensation, and continue in office until reappointed or replaced.

## Aging, Office for the

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[www.seniorhousing.state.ny.us](http://www.seniorhousing.state.ny.us)  
[www.flu.state.ny.us](http://www.flu.state.ny.us)  
[www.nyconnects.org](http://www.nyconnects.org)

The New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) is the designated State agency responsible for providing leadership and direction to 59 area agencies on aging and their thousands of local

programs and providers. The New York State Office for the Aging has the responsibility of stimulating the development of Federal, State and local programs for the aging; administering, coordinating and operating such programs; and keeping older people and their families informed of the assistance available to them through a program of public information and education for the individual older person and the community at large.

Among the programs administered by NYSOFA through 59 local area agencies on aging:

Title III B — Planning, coordination, demonstration, service and training programs under the Federal Older Americans Act;

Title III C — National Nutrition Program for the Elderly under the Federal Older Americans Act including both congregate and home delivered meals;

Title III D — In-home services for frail elderly under the Federal Older Americans Act;

Title III E — Older Americans and family caregivers will benefit from new or expanded services and supports under the Federal Older Americans Act;

Title III F — Disease prevention and health promotion under the Federal Older Americans Act;

Title V — Senior Community Service Employment Program under the Federal Older Americans Act;

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (State-aided) — Providing home-delivered meals and other nutritional services to homebound elderly;

Community Services for the Elderly Program (State-aided) — Providing community support services to elderly at-risk of institutional long-term care;

Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (State-aided) — Providing case managed low cost non-medical in-home services to chronically impaired elderly.

NYSOFA's general research and statistical responsibilities encompass: the evaluation of programs and collection of primary and secondary data descriptive of the aged, their needs and the services they receive; and the dissemination of this information via regular liaison with area agencies on aging, interested community groups, other State agencies and the Legislature.

#### **Publications:**

For information on publications, contact the Public Information Office (518-474-7181). Among the publications offered are:

Senior Citizen Resource Guide.

Annual Report, New York State Office for the Aging.

Nutrition Survey of the Elderly in New York State.

How to Get to Work.

Demographic Projections: 1995-2025.

Project 2015: The Future of Aging in New York State.

In addition, NYSOFA web sites provide online publications and information on topics including:

- Services and programs for older New Yorkers and their families at [www.aging.state.ny.us](http://www.aging.state.ny.us);

- Health and wellness information and tools for mature adults at [www.agingwell.state.ny.us](http://www.agingwell.state.ny.us);
- Health insurance information and assistance on Medicare, Medigap, Managed Care, and Long Term Care Insurance at [www.hiicap.state.ny.us](http://www.hiicap.state.ny.us); and
- An online directory of senior housing developments in New York State at [www.seniorhousing.state.ny.us](http://www.seniorhousing.state.ny.us).

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The prime responsibilities of the Department of Agriculture and Markets are to ensure that a wholesome supply of food reaches the consumers of the State and to encourage the growth of the State's agricultural industry.

Its activities include: licensing of milk plants, slaughterhouses, refrigerated warehouses, processing plants, and feed and fertilizer manufacturers; supervision of State laws pertaining to purity of foods, kosher foods, sanitation of milk and food processing plants, branding and labeling of feed, fertilizer, and seeds, and enrichment of bread and flour; inspection and grading of eggs, apples, and other farm products; prevention and control of animal and plant diseases; collection and publication of agricultural statistics; and conducting the annual New York State Fair.

#### **Statistical Series:**

##### DAIRY, MEAT, AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Cattle and Milk Cows: Numbers on hand and production.  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State by county  
Published: 1975 to present

Dairy and Meat Products in Cold Storage Warehouses: Volume reports.  
In: Cold Storage Report  
Frequency: Monthly  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1919 to present

Dairy Statistics, New York: Comprehensive summary of monthly and annual statistics.  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1918 to present

List of Milk Plants and Dealers in New York State.  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1892 to present

Livestock on Farms: Livestock on hand and production.  
In: New York Crop and Livestock Report  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1867 to present

Livestock Slaughter: Commercial Slaughter.  
In: New York Crop and Livestock Report

Frequency: Monthly  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1945 to present

Milk Production: Milk and other dairy products.  
In: New York Crop and Livestock Report  
Frequency: Monthly  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1924 to present

Poultry Production: Eggs produced, number of layers, chicks hatched, turkey poults hatched, and turkeys raised.  
In: New York Crop and Livestock Report  
Frequency: Monthly  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1924 to present

Survey of Retail Milk Prices.  
Frequency: Monthly  
Areas covered: 9 Metropolitan New York Areas and  
24 Upstate Markets  
Published: 1948 to Present

#### FRUITS, FIELD CROPS, FLOWERS, AND VEGETABLES

Apples in Cold Storage: Apples by variety and type of storage.  
Frequency: Monthly (October to May)  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1919 to present

Field Crops Summary: Production; harvested acreage; yield and production of grain, hay, dry beans, and potato crops.  
In: New York Crop and Livestock Report  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1866 to present

Forecasts of Field Crop Production  
In: New York Crop and Livestock Report  
Frequency: Monthly during growing season  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1916 to present

Frozen Fruits and Vegetables: Holdings in cold storage.  
In: Cold Storage Report  
Frequency: Monthly  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1919 to present

Fruit Production Report: Production by type of fruit.  
Frequency: Seasonally and annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1914 to present

Grapes Processed Report: Tonnage of grapes acquired by wineries and processing plants, by variety.  
Frequency: Annually  
Areas covered: Production areas  
Published: 1954 to present

Honey Production Report: Number of hives and production of honey.  
In: New York Crop and Livestock Report  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1940 to 1981; reinstated in 1986

Intentions to Plant: Intended plantings of major field crops and selected vegetable crops.  
In: New York Crop and Livestock Report  
Frequency: Annually

Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1916 to present

Maple Syrup Production  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1919 to present

Vegetable Production Report: Harvested acreage yield and production of major vegetable crops.  
Frequency: Seasonally and annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1916 to present

### Alcoholic Beverage Control, Division of

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The Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, operating under the direction of the State Liquor Authority (SLA), a three-member board, issues and renews licenses and permits required in the alcoholic beverage industry, works with local law enforcement agencies to ensure compliance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Law, and regulates trade and credit practices related to the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages at wholesale and retail levels. The State Liquor Authority inspects premises where alcoholic beverages are manufactured or sold; and has control over the number and type of such licenses issued, as determined by public convenience and advantage.

The Annual Report of the State Liquor Authority includes data on types of licenses in effect, disciplinary actions taken and other activities.

### Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse, Division of

See: Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, Office of

### Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, Office of

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The Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services administers the state's comprehensive program for treating persons addicted to alcohol and other drugs, for preventing the harmful use of substances and for researching the basic aspects of addictions.

OASAS was enacted by Chapter 223 of the Laws of 1992, which consolidated the previous Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse (DAAA) and the Division of Substance Abuse Services (DSAS).

OASAS plans, develops and regulates the state's system of alcoholism and substance abuse treatment agencies. OASAS operates 13 Addiction Treatment Centers, which provide inpatient rehabilitation services to 10,000 persons per year. It licenses and regulates some 1,100 local, community-based providers that serve more than 110,000 persons on any given day in a wide range of inpatient, outpatient residential programs. The agency inspects and monitors these programs to guarantee quality of care and to ensure compliance with state and national standards.

The Office also monitors substance use and abuse trends in the state; provides a comprehensive education and prevention program through some 350 agencies based in schools and communities; promotes public awareness and citizen involvement through community action groups; fosters Employee Assistance programs for drug-free workplaces; pursues state, federal and private sources of funding for services; establishes linkages of services for clients in other human services agencies and the criminal justice system; and provides education and training for persons dealing with clients, including credentialing addiction counselors. OASAS is the designated Single State Agency to coordinate state-federal relations in this area.

On July 1, 2005, all statutory authority for the funding and oversight of gambling treatment and prevention services in New York State was transferred from Office of Mental Health (OMH) to OASAS. We are currently in the process of developing certification, credentialing, practice guidelines, and reporting documents for the field.

#### **Statistical Series**

County Resource Book  
Published: Annually

County Risk Profiles for Youth Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Upstate New York Counties: (PRISM) Prevention Risk Indicator Services Monitoring System  
Published: Biennially  
Web Site: [www.oasas.state.ny.us/hps/datamart/prisms\\_home.htm](http://www.oasas.state.ny.us/hps/datamart/prisms_home.htm)

New York City Risk Profiles for Youth Alcohol and Substance Abuse, New York City Borough Zip Codes: (PRISM) Prevention Risk Indicator Services Monitoring System  
Published: Biennially  
Web Site: [www.oasas.state.ny.us/hps/datamart/prisms\\_home.htm](http://www.oasas.state.ny.us/hps/datamart/prisms_home.htm)

Statistical reports pertaining to treatment and prevention data on a statewide, local or regional basis.  
Published: Periodically

#### **Other Publications:**

Addiction Treatment for Methamphetamine Users: A qualitative survey of selected service providers.  
Published: August 2005

12th Annual Alcohol/Substance Use and Traffic Safety Awareness Survey  
Published: Annually during 1990-2001

Current Drug Use Trends in New York City  
Published: Semiannually

Five-Year Comprehensive Plan for Chemical Dependence and Gambling Services, 2006-2010  
Published: Annually

Local Services Plan Guidelines for Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services  
Published: Annually

Directory of Treatment Providers  
Published: Annually

OASAS Evaluation Systems Behaviors of Clients Remaining in Treatment at Least Six Months for the Period of January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002  
Published: May 2004

OASAS Evaluation Systems — Summary Behaviors of Clients in Treatment at Least Six Months for the Period of January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002

Best Practices Implementation Study 2004 Interim Report  
Published: January 2005

OASAS Treatment Outcome Study Preliminary Analysis  
Published: February 2005

Best Practices Study: Medically Supervised Outpatient Treatment Programs  
Published: May 2003

Minimum Legal Purchase Age and Traffic Safety: Facts and Practices  
Published: 2003

OASAS Evaluation Systems: Behaviors of Clients Remaining in Treatment at Least Six Months for the Period January 1, 1999, to June 30, 2001  
Published: June 2002

Collaboration: OASAS and Child Welfare System  
Published: 2001

Guidelines for Level Care Determination  
Published: April 2001

Substance Abuse Treatment for Persons in the Criminal Justice System: A Best Practices Partnership  
Published: March 2001

Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Services Needs Assessment: County-Level Social Indicator Study  
Published: June 2001

Treating Co-Occurring Mental Health and Addictive Disorders in New York State: A Comprehensive View  
Published: May 2001

OASAS Evaluation System: Preliminary Analysis of Behaviors of Clients Remaining in Treatment for at Least Six Months  
Published: June 2001

Alcohol and Young Drivers: Preliminary Findings from the OASAS Zero Tolerance Survey  
Published: November 2000

Regional Reports on the 1998 New York State School Survey  
Published: 2000

The New York State School Survey: Alcohol and Other Drug Use Findings — 5th Grade through 12th Grade, 1998  
Published: 2000

Methadone Patients in Treatment Continuously for at Least Ten Years  
Published: September 1999

OASAS Evaluation Systems: Preliminary Analysis of Behaviors of Methadone Maintenance Patients Remaining in Treatment for One, Two, Three, Four, and Five Years  
Published: October 1999

Alcohol Use and Safety Risks Among College Students in New York State  
Published: 1998

Conference on Pain Management and Chemical Dependency: Scientific Program Summaries and Abstracts  
Published: 1998

A Fifteen-Year Review of Drinking Age Laws: Preliminary Findings of the 1996 New York State Youth Alcohol Survey  
Published: 1997

DWI Treatment Services in New York State: The 1996 Survey of Alcoholism Program Directors

OASAS Facts and OASAS Overviews: Brief summaries of major topic areas.  
Published: Periodically

OASAS also publishes a variety of consumer-oriented pamphlets and reports on prevention, treatment, and research.

Please see the following web site to view a listing and description of NYS OASAS Model Prevention Programs: [web2k.oasas.state.ny.us/prevention.Model.cfm](http://web2k.oasas.state.ny.us/prevention.Model.cfm).

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Established in 1960, the Council on the Arts is a state and federally funded agency that provides support toward the activities of not-for-profit organizations in New York State to help bring high-quality artistic performances and programs to the state's residents. The Council has been directed by the Legislature to maintain "*the paramount position of this State in the nation and the world as a cultural center*" through its support of programs and activities of not-for-profit arts and cultural organizations.

The Council meets its grant-making goals by inviting applications from eligible not-for-profit organizations (as described in the Council's Program Guidelines) for local assistance funds to provide "cultural services" to the people of New York State, and by contracting for provision of those services with grant recipients.

The Council's arts discipline program areas include Architecture, Planning and Design/Capital Projects, Arts in Education, Dance, Electronic Media and Film, Folk Arts, Individual Artists, Literature, Museum, Music, Presenting, Special Arts Services, State and Local Partnerships/Decentralization, Theatre, and Visual Arts.

Among its programs is Decentralization, which awards grants to designated arts organizations throughout the state acting as regrantee sites for the Council. Those organizations, in turn, regrant funds through a local decision-making process unique to each site. Through this annual program of local grant-making, the Council is able to help support the work of community-based organizations and artists that provide arts and cultural programs on a local or neighborhood basis.

The Council does not make grants directly to individuals. To address the funding needs of individual artists, the Council supports the statewide *Artist Fellowship Program* of the New York Foundation for the Arts ([www.nyfa.org](http://www.nyfa.org)), a not-for-profit organization. Fellowships are primarily intended to support new creative work of artists. Artist fellowship recipients are required to provide some sort of public service activity as a condition of their fellowship award.

NYSICA's annual funding report and its annual Program Guidelines are available on the Council's web site ([www.nysca.org](http://www.nysca.org)).

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The New York State Attorney General serves as one of the four statewide officials elected by popular vote. The Attorney General is authorized to appoint the State's Solicitor General, and may also appoint deputy and assistant attorneys general as they are deemed necessary.

As head of the Office of the Attorney General, the Attorney General is both the "People's Lawyer" and the State's chief legal officer.

As the "People's Lawyer," the Attorney General serves as the chief guardian of the legal rights of the citizens of New York, its businesses, and its natural resources. In his role as the State's chief legal counsel, the Attorney General is responsible for supervising the State government's legal affairs. The Attorney General not only advises the Executive branch of State government, but also prosecutes and defends all actions and proceedings on behalf of, and against, the State.

The Attorney General serves all New Yorkers in numerous matters affecting their daily lives. The Attorney General's Office is charged with myriad statutory and common law duties and has concomitant enforcement powers. The Attorney General protects consumers and investors against fraud, protects the public health and the environment against polluters, enforces state civil rights laws, and works to ensure that the rights of wage earners and businesses across the State are not unlawfully abridged. In addition, the Attorney General ensures the integrity of public institutions through vigorous enforcement of ethics law, prosecution of violations of the public trust, and thorough reviews of the expenditure of public funding.

The Attorney General also commences certain statewide criminal prosecutions and directs the activities and investigations of the Organized Crime Task Force and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. While the Attorney General acts independently of the Governor, there are cases in which the Governor may direct the Attorney General to undertake specific criminal investigations and prosecutions.

### Select Publications List:

Consumers' Guide to the New Car Lemon Law

Employment Discrimination Laws: Frequently Asked Questions

Housing Guide for Seniors

Identity Theft: How to Protect Yourself

Real Problems with Health Care

Smart Seniors

Stay Safe On-Line (Children and Teen Versions)

Your Child's D.I.G.I.T.A.L Life — Safety Tips for Parents

Student Lending: Some Facts to Consider

Tenants' Rights Guide (English and Spanish)

Tips for Charities Raising Funds in New York State

For a complete list of free publications, please call 1-800-771-7755.

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See: State Comptroller, Office of the

## Banking Department

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The major responsibility of the Banking Department is to administer laws relating to State-chartered financial institutions. The institutions include: commercial banks (State banks, trust companies, and private bankers), savings banks, savings and loan associations, licensed lenders, credit unions, agencies and branches of foreign banking institutions, safe deposit companies, investment companies, sales finance companies, premium finance agencies, transmitters of money, check cashers, budget planners, mortgage bankers, mortgage brokers, and mortgage loan originators. The Department carries out its responsibilities by licensing or chartering, examining, and supervising these institutions. Almost all regulated institutions are required to file periodic financial reports. Certain types of institutions (commercial banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, credit unions, and foreign agencies and branches) may operate under either State or Federal charter with the Banking Department supervising only those which it charters.

Separate "spreadsheets" for State-chartered commercial banks, savings banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, licensed lenders, investment companies, safe deposit companies, mutual trust investment companies, and foreign financial institutions are published periodically. These contain statements of assets and liabilities for the individual institutions supervised by the Department.

### Statistical Series:

Closed Institutions.  
In: Annual Report of the Superintendent of Banks

Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1922 to present

Investment Companies Supervised by Department: Assets, liabilities, and capital accounts by individual institution.  
In: Annual Report of the Superintendent of Banks  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1920 to present

Licensed Lenders: Assets, liabilities, and capital accounts by individual institution.  
In: Annual Report of the Superintendent of Banks  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1925 to present

Mutual Trust Investment Companies: Assets, liabilities, and capital.  
In: Annual Report of the Superintendent of Banks  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1976 to present

Principal Banking and Lending Facilities: Total assets of commercial banks, savings banks, savings and loan associations, licensed lenders, credit unions, and number of institutions, for State chartered institutions.  
In: Annual Report of the Superintendent of Banks  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1948 to present

Safe Deposit Companies: Assets, liabilities, and capital accounts by institution.  
In: Annual Report of the Superintendent of Banks  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1892 to present

State-Chartered Commercial Banks: Assets, liabilities, and capital accounts by institution. Data as of December 31, plus at least one other date during the year.  
In: Annual Report of the Superintendent of Banks  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1851 to present

State-Chartered Credit Unions: Assets, liabilities, surplus, and reserve accounts, by institution.  
In: Annual Report of the Superintendent of Banks  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1921 to present

State-Chartered Foreign Financial Institutions: Assets and liabilities of New York agencies and branches of foreign banking corporations. Aggregated separately for agencies and branches.  
In: Annual Report of the Superintendent of Banks  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1959 to present

State-Chartered Savings and Loan Associations: Assets, liabilities, surplus, and reserve accounts, by institution.  
In: Annual Report of the Superintendent of Banks  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1920 to present

State-Chartered Savings Banks: Assets, liabilities, and surplus accounts by individual institution.

In: Annual Report of the Superintendent of Banks  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1857 to present

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The Division of the Budget is responsible for preparation of the Executive Budget, including development of the State's Financial Plan, and for execution of the Budget throughout the year.

Estimates of State receipts by source and recommended appropriations and disbursements for the coming fiscal year are published annually in the Governor's Budget Message, issued in January. This publication also includes revised estimates for the current fiscal year, actual figures for the preceding year and information on State debt and special funds.

Quarterly Financial Plan Updates, published at the conclusion of each quarter of the State fiscal year, contains similar financial data, reflecting actual experience of the fiscal year, and actions taken by the Legislature subsequent to the enactment of the budget.

The Division also assembles and analyzes data on intergovernmental finances and programs, participates in the negotiation and administration of collective bargaining agreements and coordinates the administration of the Governmental Accountability, Audit and Internal Control Act of 1987.

## Business Permits and Regulatory Assistance, Office of

See: Regulatory Reform, Governor's Office of

## Central New York Regional Transportation Authority

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The Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CNYRTA) was created by state legislation in 1970 to revitalize local public transportation in its region. By the mid-1980s, the system was honored as one of the best mid-sized transit systems in North America. The CNYRTA was again informed by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) that it was named Best Mid-Sized Transit System in North America, for 2006. The CNYRTA now serves four counties: Onondaga, Cayuga, Oswego (original members) and Oneida, which joined the CNYRTA on April 1, 2005, to facilitate the takeover of services provided by two distressed public transit operations. Cities served now include Syracuse, Auburn, Oswego, Fulton, Utica, and Rome.

The CNYRTA also operates the William F. Walsh Regional Transportation Center, an intermodal transportation hub for Greyhound, Trailways, Amtrak, and the CNYRTA's local and regional "Centro" services. Approximately 1 million travelers pass through its doors each year.

In an effort to improve air quality in Central New York, the CNYRTA operates 120 full-sized compressed natural gas (CNG) transit buses (more than 75% of its full-sized bus fleet in Onondaga County). The CNG fueling station, the largest of its kind in New York State, provides both indoor fueling capabilities for Centro's CNG buses as well as an outdoor facility available for public use.

The CNYRTA's paratransit system, Call-a-Bus, was a pioneer in providing services for the disabled and has been progressive in meeting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. Call-a-Bus coordinates services with community agencies and receives funding from the Onondaga County Office of Aging to provide service not required by the ADA mandate.

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The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) was officially created on January 8, 1998, by merging the programs of the former state Division for Youth, the developmental and preventive children and family programs administered by the former state Department of Social Services, and the Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

OCFS was created to improve the integration of services for New York State's young people, its vulnerable adult populations, and families in need of strengthening; to promote their development; and protect them from violence, neglect, abuse, and abandonment. The agency provides a system of family support, juvenile justice, and child welfare services with a funding level of \$4.4 billion for programs that support the safety and well-being of children and adults.

OCFS has wide-ranging responsibilities for the provision of services to children, youth, families, and vulnerable adults. The agency is responsible for programs and services involving foster care, adoption, and adoption assistance; child protective services, including operating the Statewide Central Register for Child Abuse and Maltreatment; preventive services for children and families; child care and referral programs; and protective programs for vulnerable adults. Additionally, OCFS is responsible for all aspects of the state's juvenile justice programs, administering and managing 26 residential facilities, two reception centers, three community residential homes, and eight day-placement centers for over 1,600 youth remanded to the agency's custody by family and criminal courts. The agency also supports and monitors detention, aftercare, and a range of community-based programs.

OCFS also coordinates, in part, the state government response to the needs of Native Americans and their children on reservations and in communities.

Prevention and rehabilitation efforts are joint ventures with local and county government, supported by federal, state, county, and municipal funds, as well as private contributions. The Office provides technical and financial assistance to agencies involved in community youth programs and monitors activities of voluntary child-care and detention agencies in New York State.

The agency divides its responsibilities into two main areas: program and support. The program divisions/offices include: Division of Child Welfare and Community Services, Division of Juvenile Justice and Opportunities for Youth, Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, and the Council on Children and Families. The support divisions/offices include: Division of Administration, Division of Legal Affairs, Office of Public Affairs, Division of Information Technology, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Development, and Office of Investigations.

### **Regional Offices**

OCFS has regional offices in Albany, Buffalo, New York City, Rochester, Syracuse, and Spring Valley. As a primary supervisory arm of the Office of Children and Family Services, the Regional Offices help districts and agencies keep children safe, achieve permanency, and improve the quality of life for children and families. As a supervisor the Office, and the Regional Offices, communicates expectations to districts and agencies, monitors how well those expectations are met, and provides constructive support and feedback concerning those expectations. Regional Offices provide “oversight” to local districts and voluntary agencies. The responsibility to provide oversight is defined as (1) assuring compliance with OCFS regulations, (2) reinforcing good practice standards, and (3) improving district/agency capacity to achieve positive outcomes for children and families.

The following list provides information for the Albany, Buffalo, New York City, Rochester, Spring Valley, and Syracuse Regional Offices.

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#### **Buffalo Regional Office**

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#### **Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Development — Bureau of Management Information**

The Office's Bureau of Management Information prepares a variety of statistical reports on clientele and program data, including population projections and placement trend analyses.

#### **Statistical Series:**

Annual Report: Client characteristics including demographic and legal attributes of youth admitted, discharged, and in care at the end of the year in residential and non-residential programs serving youth in OCFS custody.

Frequency: Annually

Area covered: New York State

Published: 1978 to present

Monitoring and Analysis Profiles: Data on child welfare programs of Child Protective Services, Preventive, Foster Care, and Adoption. Includes demographic information on children in the care and custody of local departments of social services.

Frequency: Annually

Area covered: New York State

Published: 1989 to present

Comprehensive Report of Children and Youth in the Custody of Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS) or OCFS: Admissions, discharges, and in care counts plus selected demographic data for current quarter and compared to same quarter last year.

Frequency: Quarterly

Area covered: New York State

Published: 1998 to present

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The Council on Children and Families, established in 1977 and merged with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in 2003, is authorized to coordinate the state health, education, and human services systems as a means to provide more effective systems of care for children and families. For 30 years, the Council has served as the organization within state government where the heads of all state agencies serving children and families in New York convene to spearhead cross-systems approaches for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of service delivery systems; consider new or emerging service needs; and promote coordinated, rational, and consistent policies toward children and families. The essence of the Council's work remains true to the original intent: to be a neutral body within state government capable of negotiating solutions to interagency issues.

The Council's current initiatives are organized by three strategic goals that inform and guide interagency policy development and implementation: Children and families have access to a coordinated and effective array of strengths-based supports and services; Children residing in or at risk of out-of-home placement have access to a high-quality, coordinated system of care; and information required to plan and develop coordinated services for children and families is readily available. The Out-of-State Placement Committee, Restraint and Crisis Intervention Technique Committee, New York State Head Start Collaboration Project, and Hard to Place/Hard to Serve Children are among the current Council initiatives.

The Council is a member of the state-level KIDS COUNT network, supported with funding by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Producing an annual New York State Touchstones/KIDS COUNT data book with county-level data from numerous state agencies and special reports focusing on emerging topics, the Council advances the use of children's health, education, and well-being indicators as a tool for policy development, planning, and accountability. As part of the Early Childhood Comprehensive System Planning Initiative, a special data report was developed, *The New York State Childhood Data Report: The Health and Well-Being of New York's Youngest Children*. The report provides 69 indicators on child well-being in several goal areas. The Council's Kids' Well-being Indicators Clearinghouse (KWIC) web site ([www.nyskwic.org](http://www.nyskwic.org)) furthers data dissemination efforts by giving data users the ability to create custom tables, bar charts, line graphs, and maps with the indicators presented in these books.

### Publications:

New York State Touchstones/KIDS COUNT 2007 Data Book. Rensselaer, NY: Council on Children and Families. (This is the Council's seventh edition of county-level, child well-being data from the health, education, and human service agencies serving children and families in New York State.)

The CHILD in Child Welfare and the Courts 2006 Data Book. Albany, NY: NYS Office of Court Administration.

The New York State Early Childhood Data Report: The Health and Well-Being of New York's Youngest Children. Rensselaer, NY: Council on Children and Families.

## Civil Service, Department of

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The New York State civil service system, founded in 1883, is the oldest state system in the country. Its rules are promulgated by the three members of the quasi-judicial State Civil Service Commission. The Commission hears and acts on appeals concerning examination qualifications and ratings, position classifications, salary levels, disciplinary actions, and the use of preferred lists. It also reviews requests for reinstatement of employees who have been absent for more than one year and for reemployment of retirees.

Under State Civil Service Law, the President of the Commission also serves as head of the State Civil Service Department, which is the central personnel agency for the departments and agencies in the Executive Branch of State government. The Department is responsible for recruiting and testing new applicants for jobs in the State government work force as well as testing candidates for promotion within State service. The Department also compiles and analyzes information about the composition of the State work force.

Other duties of the Department include: determining titles, salary levels, and qualification requirements for positions in the classified service of the State; providing technical advice and assistance, examinations, and other personnel-related services to the State's 99 municipal civil service agencies; and administering health, dental, accident, and life insurance programs for State employees and retirees.

### Publications:

Summary of New York State Civil Service Law.

Civil Service Examinations.

How to Take a Written Test.

Workers With Disabilities Program. Questions and answers about obtaining State employment through Sections 55-b (nonveterans) and 55-c (wartime veterans) of the Civil Service Law.\*

Build a Career with New York State.\*

Working With People with Disabilities: A Supervisor's Guide.

Information for Survivors of New York State Employees.\*

How to Conduct a Job Interview.\*

Getting a Job with New York State.\*

The Governor's Program to Hire Veterans with Disabilities.\*

Procedures for Implementing Reasonable Accommodation in New York State Agencies.\*

Manual for Administrative Law Judges and Hearing Officers.\*

\* = Available on the Department's web site. Publications are updated as necessary.

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The Consumer Protection Board's Consumer Assistance Unit (CAU) answers consumer questions and provides mediation between a business and the consumer when a business has engaged in false, misleading or deceptive practices.

### Publications:

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The New York State Commission of Correction, by legislative mandate, is empowered to oversee and regulate state prisons, county jails, and local police departments, including facilities within the City of New York — over 400 facilities in all. The specific powers and duties of the Commission are delineated in Article 3 of the New York State Correction Law.

The Commission is comprised of three members appointed by the Governor, one of whom is designated Chair. The other Commissioners respectively chair the Citizens Policy and Complaints Review Council (CPCRC), which reviews grievances and complaints against correctional facilities, and the Medical Review Board (MRB), which investigates inmate deaths and oversees health care services.

The Commission serves as a central repository for information on the correctional system in New York State. As such, the Commission collects annual admission data from: all county correctional departments; city, town, and village police lockups; New York City Department of Correction; New York City Police Department precinct lockups; and the New York State Department of Correctional Services for state prison inmates.

### Statistical Series:

County Jail Population Count and Percent of Occupancy: A one-day picture, county by county, of inmate populations and percent of occupancy (excluding New York City Facilities).

Frequency: Monthly  
Published: 1986 to present

Statewide Compilation of Admission to City, Town, and Village Police Department Lockups: Presents data received from police department lockups (outside New York City) on their number of admissions and cell capacity.

Frequency: Yearly  
Published: 1977 to present

Statewide Compilation of Data from Sheriffs' Annual Reports: Presents data received from county correctional facilities (outside New York City) on the number of admissions and discharges; length of stay; and admissions by demographic characteristics including race, age and ethnic origin.

Frequency: Annually  
Published: 1968 to present

### Other Publications:

Annual report of the New York State Commission of Correction: Presents a narrative overview of the activities and accomplishments of the Commission. It reports on major field evaluations; approved construction/renovation projects; county correctional personnel trained and/or certified; compliance/noncompliance with promulgated minimum standards; status of creating and enhancing existing standards; review of current legislation; and an overview of inmate mortalities across all of New York State's correctional jurisdictions.

Frequency: Annually  
Published: 1977 to present

Classification and Housing of Inmates in County Correctional Facilities: Presents background, impact, and monitoring of amendments to the Classification Law (as enacted in August of 1984) to the classification and housing of inmates in county correctional facilities.

Frequency: Annually  
Published: 1985 to present  
Published: 1977 to present

Statewide Compilation of Data from Sheriffs' Annual Reports: Presents data received from county correctional facilities (outside New York City) on the number of admissions and discharges; length of stay; and admissions by demographic characteristics including race, age and ethnic origin.

Frequency: Annually  
Published: 1968 to present

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The Department of Correctional Services (DOCS) is responsible for the care, custody, treatment, and rehabilitation of all offenders

sentenced to its 70 institutions located throughout the State. It meets these responsibilities by maintaining secure custodial care of committed offenders and by providing program offerings to committed offenders in a variety of activities so that they may prepare themselves for a productive role in society upon release. The Department publishes summary statistics on an annual, quarterly, and monthly basis on the social and legal characteristics of offenders under its jurisdiction and movement of offender populations. In addition, the Department publishes a series of research studies annually. An annotated listing is available on request.

#### **Publications:**

The Nineteenth Annual Shock Incarceration Program Legislative Report: 2007

This report to the Legislature, which was prepared jointly with the Division of Parole, presents an overview of the program's development and operation as well as statistical data on the screening process, disciplinary process, educational programs, and other program components.

NYS DOCS Shock Incarceration 2007 Legislative Report — Summary

This report is an abridged version of the Nineteenth Annual Shock Incarceration Program Legislative Report: 2007.

Semiannual Legislative Report on Earned Eligibility Program: October 2006 — March 2007

The Legislature mandates two semiannual reports on the Earned Eligibility Program. This semiannual report provides a statistical overview of the Earned Eligibility Program for the six-month period from October 2006 through March 2007. The report focuses on inmates evaluated for a Certificate of Earned Eligibility prior to their initial hearing.

Semiannual Legislative Report on Earned Eligibility Program: April 2006 — September 2006

See above.

Merit Time Program Summary: 2006

In 1997, the Legislature authorized the creation of the Merit Time Program. It allows for inmates who are serving prison sentences for certain nonviolent crimes to earn a possible reduction of the minimum term if they have achieved certain significant programmatic objectives and have not engaged in any serious disciplinary infractions. The first Merit Time cases appeared before the Board of Parole in October 1997. This report provides a statistical overview of the Merit Time Program for the period from October 1997 through December 2006.

Comprehensive Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment Program (CASAT): Legislative Report for 2006

This report presents statistics on cases in Phase I of the Program according to specific CASAT facilities, cases which have graduated to Phase II (Community Reintegration), and cases which have been released to parole supervision. Information is presented on drug use history of CASAT participants, costs of operating the program, rate of return to prison for CASAT participants and comparison inmates, and the operation of the relapse component of the CASAT program.

Psychological Screening Program for Correction Officer Applicants: Legislative Report for 2006

This statutorily mandated annual report reviews the operation of the psychological screening program for correction officer candidates in the past year.

2002 Releases: Three Year Post Release Follow-Up

The subject of this report is a population of 25,634 inmates released in 2002 from facilities of the NYS Department of Correctional Services. Each case was followed for a period of three years

to determine the number returned to Department custody. For purposes of comparison, similar release cohorts for 1985-2002 are also analyzed.

Targeted Programs: An Analysis of the Impact of Prison Program Participation on Community Success

The extent of targeted program needs and factors related to successful program participation were assessed among 14,681 inmates released during 2004. The 2004 releases were tracked from their respective release dates in 2004 through 2006. Two years after release, inmates who successfully completed prison programs based on their assessed needs were more likely to remain in the community than those who failed to complete the needed programs.

HUB System: Profile of Inmate Population Undercustody on January 1, 2007

This report presents a profile of the total inmate population within each geographical region of the state. Included is information on: age, gender, race/ethnicity, county of commitment, birthplace, marital status, religious affiliation, crime, sentence length, prior criminal record, self-reported drug and alcohol use, and other variables.

Admissions and Releases — 2006

This report presents a preliminary look at the volume of inmates admitted to and released from custody of DOCS by month for calendar years 2005 and 2006.

Statistical Overview: 2006 Court Commitments

This report presents the legal history and the demographic characteristics of new commitments received during calendar year 2006.

Statistical Overview: 2006 Discharges

This report describes characteristics of inmates discharged from the Department during calendar year 2006. The tables present information on length of time served in custody as well as demographic data.

Unusual Incident Report: January-December 2006

This report provides descriptive information on the number and type of reported unusual incidents (e.g., assault, fire, attempted suicide, death, and escape) that occurred in New York State correctional facilities.

Inmate Escape Incidents 2002-06

This report provides descriptive information on incidents of escape from the correctional facilities of the New York State Department of Correctional Services between 2002 and 2006. The report also presents information on demographic characteristics and legal history of escapees.

Summary of OCA Felony Processing 2005-06

This report summarizes data by region from the Office of Court Administration Activity Report for indictments; felony dispositions; pending dispositions; and felony cases pending sentence by term for calendar years 2005 and 2006.

New York State Felony Processing — January-December 2006

This report summarizes data by region from the Division of Criminal Justice Felony Processing Report for arrests, indictments, dispositions, and convictions for calendar years 2005 and 2006.

Parole Board Dispositions at DOCS Facilities — 2006

This report summarizes the release decisions of the Board of Parole at the Department of Correctional Services' correctional facilities in calendar years 2005 and 2006. Decision results are provided by month or by facility in the report.

Identified Substance Abusers — December 2006

This annual report provides information on inmates under custody on December 31, 2006, who have been identified as substance

abusers. As of December 31, 2006, 72 percent of the inmates under Department custody for whom substance abuse information was available were identified as substance abusers.

#### The Impact of Foreign-Born Inmates on the New York State Department of Correctional Services

This report presents a statistical profile of the foreign born as of December 31, 2006, including inmates under DOCS custody, including information on their reported country of birth.

#### Video Teleconferencing for Deportation Hearings

The video teleconferencing of deportation hearings began as a ninety-day pilot project in Spring of 1998. From 1999 through 2006, a total of 16,547 televideo deportation hearings have been held. The total estimated cost savings attributable to the televideo deportation hearing program is nearly \$3.2 million.

#### The State Criminal Alien Assistance Program

This report profiles the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), which provides Federal reimbursement to the states for a portion of the costs incurred as a result of incarcerating criminal aliens. The report gives a brief history of the program and awards granted.

#### Annotated Listing of Department of Correctional Services' Research on Female Commitments

The purpose of this updated listing is to briefly discuss the Department's research series on female offenders. Capsule summaries are provided of the Department's studies on female commitments.

#### Female Homicide Commitments: 1986 vs. 2005

This report presents information on the demographic and legal characteristics of the 36 female offenders committed to the Department of Correctional Services during 2005 for a homicide offense. This study is based on the analysis of information in individual case file folders and includes data on such factors as prior criminal involvement, accomplice involvement, victim characteristics, and evidence of domestic violence. The cases from 2005 are compared with the cases from the 1986 report on this topic.

#### New York State's Victim Notification Program: A Statistical Summary — 2006

This report concerns the statutorily mandated Victim Notification Program of the New York State Department of Correctional Services. This annual report updates the prior Department's reviews of this program.

#### Temporary Release Program: Annual Reports for 2006

This annual report prepared by the Division of Temporary Release provides an overview of the operation of the Department's Temporary Release program in 2006. Information is presented on the number of applicants, approvals at facility level, and approvals in Central Office.

#### Inmate Grievance Program: Semiannual Report for January-June 2006

This report prepared by the Division of Inmate Grievance profiles the operation of the Department's Inmate Grievance program in the first six months of 2006. Statistical information is provided on the number and type of grievances filed by facility.

#### Inmate Grievance Program: Annual Report — 2006

This annual report prepared by the Division of Inmate Grievance provides relevant statistics on the operation of the Department's Inmate Grievance Program in 2006. Similar to the preceding semiannual report, information is presented on the number and type of grievances filed by facility.

#### Commissioner's Policy Paper on Prison Safety and Inmate Programming

This policy paper provides an overview of the effects of the state's expansion of maximum-security disciplinary housing space as well

as the overall status of inmate programs.

#### Inmate Population Projections 1993 Through 2000

This report projects the size of the inmate population of the New York State Department of Correctional Services by fiscal year for the period Fiscal Year 1992-93 through Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

#### Getting the Most Out of What You Know: Putting Research Into Action — 1993

Presented at the American Correctional Association's Summer Conference in Nashville on August 3, 1993, this paper provides brief descriptions of how researchers assist policymakers by projecting demand for bedspace; by projecting the number of inmates who will be HIV+ as well as AIDS symptomatic; and by evaluating the Shock Incarceration Program.

#### Shock Incarceration in New York State — Focus on Treatment — 1994

This is a National Institute of Justice publication written by Cherie Clark, Director of Shock Development, and Dr. David Aziz, Research Specialist, both with the New York State Department of Correctional Services, and Dr. Doris MacKenzie, Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at the University of Maryland. This is a concise assessment of New York's Model Shock Incarceration Program.

#### Follow-Up Study of Participants in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment (ASAT) Program at Collins — 1991

This follow-up study compares the return rates of successful program completers and unsatisfactory participants in the residential ASAT program at Collins Correctional Facility.

#### Follow-Up Study of Offenders Who Earned GEDS While Incarcerated in DOCS: May 2001

The report was designed to address the question "Does earning a High School Equivalency Diploma while incarcerated in DOCS reduce an offender's likelihood of returning to the Department's custody following release?" The report focuses on the impact of earning a GED on young offenders.

#### Analysis of Return Rate of the Inmate College Program — 1991

This report examines the return rate of participants in the Inmate College Program. It is designed to generate statistical data that would address the question of whether completing a college degree during a period of incarceration reduced participants being returned to the Department's custody following release.

#### Follow-Up Study of Industrial Training Program Participants — 1993

This report provides a follow-up study of inmates who have participated in the Corcraft Industrial Training Program. Inmates who participated in the program were tracked after their release from the Department to determine a likelihood of returning to the Department's custody.

#### Wallkill Optical Program Follow-Up: September 1993

This report provides a review of the return rates of program participants in the Wallkill Optical Program. This study was prepared at the request of the Director of Correctional Industries.

#### Overview of Department Follow-Up Research on Return Rates of Participants in Major Programs — 1995

Since 1980, the New York State Department of Correctional Services has conducted and published follow-up research reports on the return rates of participants in major programs. This overview updates the preceding summary (1991) by incorporating enhancements of the Department's follow-up methodology.

#### Stay'n Out — A Program Study — 1996

This report provides a summary of research conducted on inmates who participated in Stay'n Out, a drug treatment program operated at two New York State Department of Correctional Services' facilities.

#### Profile and Follow-Up of Sex Offenders Released in 1986

This provides descriptive information about the characteristics of released sex offenders and the likelihood of their returning to prison.

#### The Effect of Earning a GED on Recidivism Rates — 2003

This article in the *Journal of Correctional Education* is based on Department research, which found that inmates who earned their GED while incarcerated returned to custody at a significantly lower rate than offenders who did not earn a GED.

#### Preliminary Analysis of the Impact of Prison Program Participation on Community Success

This report examines the impact of the Department's statewide efforts to provide inmates opportunity to receive targeted services based on individual needs. Two years after release, inmates who successfully participated in prison programs based on their assessed needs were more likely to remain in the community than those who failed to complete the needed programs.

#### Inmate Suicide Report: 1997-2003

This report examines the characteristics of the 84 inmates who committed suicide in a Department of Correctional Services facility during the seven-year period of 1997-2003.

#### Inmate Mortality Report: 2001-04

This report examines all deaths of inmates legally under the custody of the Department of Correctional Services that occurred in the inmate population from 2001 through 2004.

#### The Mariel Cuban Problem — 1991

In 1980, the largest Cuban migration to the United States took place between the months of April and October. These Cuban immigrants have come to be known as the "Mariel" Cubans. Among the Mariel refugees who enter the United States were a relatively small proportion of prisoners, ex-prisoners, and individuals with psychiatric histories. In New York State, the "Mariels" comprised almost two-thirds of the Cuban-born inmates under the custody of the Department of Correctional Services on December 31, 1991.

#### An Evaluation of the Department's Policy on Criminal Aliens — Four-Year Post-Release Follow-Up of Criminal Aliens Released in 1988

This report examines the return to custody rates of a 1988 release cohort. This analysis suggests that while Federal agencies target criminal aliens for deportation from the United States, they are largely successful in their efforts. However, the return rates of illegal aliens and Mariel Cubans indicate that the Federal government needs to improve their procedures for deporting criminal aliens in order to fulfill its community protection.

#### The Mariel Cuban Reimbursement Program — 1993

This program was established by the United States Congress in 1985 in recognition of the federal government's responsibility for costs incurred by states incarcerating individuals who would not normally have been allowed to enter American communities. While the states certainly welcomed this federal assistance, states were compensated for only a fraction of the actual costs of incarceration, prior to the phasing out of the program in 1993.

#### The Cost of Incarcerating Foreign-Born Inmates — 1995

This report provides an estimate of the operating costs associated with the incarceration of foreign-born inmates, particularly illegal aliens, who the Department maintains are a Federal responsibility.

#### The Institutional Hearing Program and Procedure for Processing Criminal Aliens 1996

The purpose of this paper is to explain the processing of criminal aliens incarcerated in the NYS prison system. The explanation is presented in terms of the roles of various federal and state agencies

responsible for processing criminal aliens. In particular, this report discusses the Institutional Hearing Program, which is a Federal and State initiative designed to commence deportation proceedings against criminal aliens under the Department's custody.

#### Profile and Three Year Follow-Up of Bedford Hills and Taconic Nursery Program Participants: 1997-98

This report presents a statistical overview of the legal and demographic characteristics of the 179 women who participated in the Bedford Hills and Taconic nursery programs during 1997 and 1998.

#### Profile of Participants — The Bedford Hills and Taconic Nursery Programs in 1992

This report presents a statistical overview of the legal and demographic characteristics of the 105 women who participated in the Bedford Hills and Taconic nursery programs during 1992. This statistical profile is augmented with the case histories of seven participants.

#### The Family Violence Program — 1994

The report provides an overview of a unique empowerment program for survivors of domestic violence who are serving time in a maximum security prison. Eight of the participants tell their own stories to illustrate the types of problems they experienced. The demographic characteristics of the program participants are presented.

#### Follow-Up Study of the Bedford Hills Family Violence Program — 1994

This program at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility offers a combination of group and individual therapy to women who have experienced family violence. This report provides a follow-up study of the 220 women who participated in the Family Violence Program from 1988 through 1994 and were subsequently released into the community.

#### Female Offenders: 2001-02

This report provides a profile of female offenders under the supervision of the NYS Department of Correctional Services. Descriptive statistics are presented for female offenders based on three cohorts of data: (1) inmates undercustody, (2) inmates admitted, and (3) inmates released.

#### Men and Women Undercustody: 1987-2001

This report provides relevant information on the characteristics of inmates under the custody of the NYS Department of Correctional Services at the end of each calendar year between 1987 and 2001. It examines the trends over time according to various legal history criteria, demographic characteristics, and program relevant characteristics.

#### Sex Offenders Committed to State Prison — 1991

This report provides a legal and demographic profile of sex offenders committed to the New York State Department of Correctional Services. The report examines sex offenders admitted to the Department as new court commitments from January 1, 1987, through December 31, 1990, those under custody on December 31, 1990, and offenders released to parole from 1987 through 1990.

#### Urban Carjackers 1985-99

This report is a fifteen-year study of carjackers and addresses questions about the characteristics of the crime of forcible motor vehicle theft and of the individuals committed to State prison for forcible motor vehicle theft.

#### Long-Term Inmates — 1996

This report defines the demographic profile and criminal history of inmates who have been, or will be, incarcerated in NYS Department of Correctional Services' prisons for at least 15 years.

#### Child Abuse Offenders Under DOCS Custody — October 1999

This report focuses specifically on child abuse offenders who were incarcerated with DOCS. One objective of this report is to com-

pare male and female child abuse offenders with other types of offenders incarcerated in maximum security facilities.

#### Commitments for Motor Vehicle Theft: 1985-2000

In response to the continuing legislative and public concern, this report examines the number of auto theft commitments of the NYS Department of Correctional Services from 1985 to 2000.

#### Elderly Inmate Profile — 1985-95

This report answers commonly asked questions and presents data on the characteristics of inmates undercustody who are 65 years of age and older. Brief case histories are included to provide the reader with insight into the elderly inmate.

#### Juvenile Offenders Transferred to Adult Corrections — 1998

This report describes characteristics of offenders transferred from the custody of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to the care and custody of the NYS Department of Correctional Services who were age 13 to 15 on the date of the commitment and were tried as Juvenile Offenders.

#### DWI and Related Commitments 1987-97

This report was prepared in response to the continuing interest of the public and the Legislature in the number of persons committed to the Department for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) and DWI-related felonies.

#### Veterans' Report — 1999

Of the inmates undercustody on January 1, 1999, 4,211 were military veterans. The intent of this report is to describe some characteristics of the veterans undercustody to assist those organizations in planning to meet the needs of this component of the inmate population.

#### Analysis of Participant Evaluations on NAPPI (Non-Abusive Physical and Psychological Intervention) — 1990

At the request of the Department's Training Academy, this report presents an overview of the Non-Abusive Physical and Psychological Intervention (NAPPI) Program with a particular emphasis on the participant evaluations of this training program.

#### Development of Young Inmate Initiative — 1994

This report provides an overview of the Department's Young Inmate Initiative — its background, objectives, target population, development, and impact.

#### Day Reporting Program Profile: 1994

This report provides a descriptive profile of the NYS Department of Correctional Services' Day Reporting Program. Statistics are presented on the growth of the day reporting program since its inception in 1990, as well as demographic information and program success data on participants who started the program in 1994.

#### Vocational Programs: Description and Exploratory Study — May 1997

This report provides an overview of the Department's Vocational Education Program — its mission and objectives, and how it is integrated with academic programming.

#### Commitments for Motor Vehicle Theft: 1985-2003

In response to the continuing legislative and public concern, this report was prepared to examine the number of auto theft commitments for Grand Larceny Auto and Stolen Property Auto to the New York State Department of Correctional Services from 1985 to 2003.

#### Perceptions of the Vocational Education Program in the NYS DOCS — 1998

This report summarizes a survey of the Department of Correctional Services Vocational Education Program conducted at 53 facilities. It measured the effectiveness of the program in regard to

work skills, technical skills, and student personal attributes relating to employability.

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The Crime Victims Board was created in 1966 under Article 22 of the Executive Law. The Board is empowered to provide financial assistance to innocent victims of crime or their families who incur expenses due to injury, disability, or death as a direct result of those criminal acts.

The following are eligible to file a claim with the Board: (1) a victim of a crime who has sustained a personal physical injury; (2) a victim of a crime who did not sustain a physical injury but meets one of the following criteria (some of the categories of compensation may be limited):

- (a) an elderly (60 years old or older) or disabled victim;
- (b) a child victim/witness (eligible for all categories of compensation);
- (c) a victim of certain unlawful imprisonment/kidnapping crimes;
- (d) a victim of certain menacing, harassment, stalking, or criminal contempt crimes;
- (e) witnesses and relief workers of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center for counseling expenses incurred on or before December 31, 2007;
- (f) a victim of a frivolous lawsuit brought by the individual who committed a crime against the victim;
- (g) certain relocation expenses.

(3) the surviving spouse, grandparent, parent, stepparent, child, or stepchild of a victim who died as a direct result of a crime; (4) a spouse, child, or stepchild of a victim of a crime who has sustained personal physical injury as a direct result of a crime; (5) any person dependent for his/her principal support upon a victim who died as a direct result of a crime; (6) any person who paid or incurred the burial expenses of a victim; (7) the parent, stepparent, grandparent, guardian, brother, sister, stepbrother, or stepsister of a child victim of a crime; (8) a surviving spouse of a crime victim who died from causes not directly related to the crime when the victim died prior to filing a claim with the Board or subsequent to

filing a claim but prior to the rendering of a Board decision (this is limited to only out-of-pocket loss incurred as a direct result of a crime); (9) victims of terrorist acts outside the United States who are a resident of New York State.

Once a claimant has filed a claim, they must establish the following additional eligibility requirements: (1) that a crime was committed; (2) that the crime was promptly reported to a criminal justice agency. In cases involving sex offenses, a “criminal justice agency” shall include any medical facility that provides a forensic physical examination for victims of rape and sexual assault; (3) that the crime victim was an “innocent” victim of the crime (did not by his/her conduct contribute to the infliction of his/her injuries); (4) the victim must have cooperated in the investigation and/or prosecution of the crime, except claims based on forensic rape exams; (5) the claim must be filed within one year of the crime (or a delay in filing a claim must be justified); and (6) financial difficulty must be proven if the claim is over \$5,000.

Crime victim compensation is available for the following unreimbursed losses: (1) unreimbursed expenses for medical or other related services; (2) lost earnings or support up to \$600 per week, to a maximum of \$30,000; (3) burial expense, to a maximum of \$6,000; (4) occupational or vocational rehabilitation expense to the victim or a family member; (5) counseling expense to the victim and to certain family members are paid in accordance to the Crime Victims Board fee schedule (the fee schedule is based on reasonable fee rates depending on the credential of the treating counselor); (6) crime scene clean-up expenses, to a maximum of \$2,500; (7) for Good Samaritan (to prevent a crime, or to apprehend or help apprehend a crime perpetrator) victims only, property losses up to \$5,000; (8) expense of repair or replacement of essential personal property, to a maximum of \$500, with a maximum of \$100 for cash (the victim need not suffer physical injury if over 60, disabled, be under 18 years of age, or a stalking/harassment victim to receive this benefit); (9) transportation expense for necessary court appearances in connection with the prosecution of the crime; (10) expense of residing at or utilizing the services of a domestic violence shelter; (11) attorney fees for representation before the Board, to a maximum of \$1,000; (12) reasonable relocation expenses, to a maximum of \$2,500; and (13) burial and certain counseling expenses of family members without regard to the financial difficulty of the claimant when a police officer or firefighter dies from injuries received in the line of duty as a direct result of a crime.

In addition to providing financial assistance, the Crime Victims Board also acts as advocate for crime victims' rights, needs, and interests in the State of New York. In this capacity the Crime Victims Board works with other governmental units as well as victims individually in an attempt to secure equity in the administration of justice at the State, County, and local community level. As part of its advocacy responsibilities, a clearinghouse of multidisciplinary information is maintained on crime victims and related areas from a State and national perspective.

Since 1981, the Crime Victims Board has had legislative authority to fund local victim/witness assistance service agencies across the state. Initially, twenty-three programs received grant funds for this purpose. In fiscal year 2007-08, 195 victim/witness assistance programs received grant funds from the Board totaling approximately \$31.4 million.

The funding is a combination of State and local dollars. The Federal funding is pursuant to the Victims of Crime Act and is comprised of fines and penalties levied against criminals convicted of federal crimes. The state funding is from the Criminal Justice Improvement account made up of mandatory surcharges and victim assistance fees assessed to defendants.

Funded agencies provide a comprehensive array of services such as crisis intervention, counseling, court accompaniment and legal

assistance, transportation, referrals to other services, and assistance in completing the crime victims compensation application.

The funded programs provide assistance to those applying for State compensation as well as affording services to those who may not meet state eligibility requirements for compensation, thus ensuring that all victims in New York are able to receive services.

Victim data and workload statistics are published yearly in the Annual Report of the Crime Victims Board. A Crime Victims Board informational brochure, “A Guide to Crime Victims Compensation in New York State,” answers frequently asked questions in a reader-friendly format. This brochure provides comprehensive information to victims to begin the compensation claims application process. “The Rights of Crime Victims in New York State” pamphlet informs crime victims of their rights in the criminal justice system. A new CVB poster has been completed and distributed to police agencies and hospital emergency rooms as per our statute.

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The Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is a multi-function criminal justice support agency. It maintains and constantly updates criminal history records, runs the Office of Sex Offender Management, maintains the Sex Offender Registry, collects and analyzes statewide crime data, advises the Governor on programs to improve the effectiveness of New York's justice system, oversees law enforcement training and accreditation programs, operates the DNA Databank, evaluates and distributes grants, runs the Commission on Sentencing Reform, and provides support for criminal justice-related agencies. It also operates the Missing and Exploited Children Clearinghouse and runs the Operation SAFE CHILD program.

The mission of the Division of Criminal Justice Services is to enhance public safety and improve criminal justice — a mission it achieves partly through the support of local agencies. DCJS measures progress toward the overall goal of reducing crime, and tracks the effectiveness of both agency and system-wide criminal justice strategies designed to increase public safety. It is involved in numerous multi-agency programs and strategic initiatives designed to reduce crime and improve criminal justice.

The Division is headed by a Commissioner appointed by the Governor, subject to Senate confirmation. The Commissioner serves as the Governor's advisor on criminal justice issues. The Division's operational highlights include:

- Operating the Statewide Automated Fingerprint Identification System, which expedites access to criminal history information for local police departments and courts.
- Leading Operation IMPACT, a crime-fighting strategy targeting 17 counties that account for 80 percent of the crime outside New York City.
- Supporting eJusticeNY, a secure communications network that provides law enforcement with essential operational support, such as criminal history information and offender photos.

- Maintaining the Sex Offender Registry and the State DNA Databank. Under the Sex Offender Registration Act, DCJS maintains a publicly accessible and searchable registry of sex offenders. DCJS also maintains the DNA Databank, which contains genetic profiles of convicted criminals.
- Operating the Office of Sex Offender Management, which was established as part of the Sex Offender Management and Treatment Act. The office advises the Governor and Legislature on sex offender issues; coordinates interagency initiatives; establishes standards concerning treatment, supervision, and re-entry of offenders; conducts state-wide public awareness and prevention campaigns; and conducts training for law enforcement and other professionals.
- Co-chairs the Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking. The task force was created to ensure that law enforcement agencies and social service organizations are getting the training and education they need to facilitate coordinated implementation of the law.
- Operating SAFETNet (Secure Automated Fast Event Tracking Network), which was designed to coordinate the dissemination of investigative information to law enforcement agencies. Its aim is to alert each agency of a possible investigative conflict.
- Providing technical support through training and crime analysis to law enforcement agencies to reduce crime throughout New York State.

#### DCJS Publications

DCJS publications can be found on the web site at [www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us](http://www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us). Most of these publications are updated annually, and include:

- Directory of NYS Criminal Justice Agencies
- New York State Criminal Justice Annual Crimestat Report
- Division of Criminal Justice Services Annual Crimestat Report
- Missing and Exploited Children Clearinghouse Annual Report
- Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Annual Report
- New York State Committee for the Coordination of Police Services to Elderly Persons Annual Report
- Various Research Reports and Program Evaluations

#### Statistical Series

Data and statistics are available on the DCJS web site at [www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us](http://www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us). Published data includes *index crimes (counts and rates)*, *arrests*, *criminal dispositions*, and *police agency personnel data*. The Crimestat report series on the DCJS web site also includes data and statistics on crime, firearm-related crime, Operation IMPACT, DNA Databank and collections, offender re-entry, sex offender management, and criminal alien strategy information.

### Demographic Research and Reapportionment, Legislative Task Force on

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The Legislative Advisory Task Force on Reapportionment was established by Chapter 45 of the Laws of 1978. It consists of six members, of whom two are appointed by the Temporary President of the Senate, two by the Speaker of the Assembly, and one each by the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the Assembly.

After completion of the State's redistricting in 1983, the Legislature determined that the information system constructed by the Task Force could be of assistance to legislative committees and State agencies in mapping and data analysis projects. Chapter 45 of the Laws of 1978 was amended by Chapter 51 of the Laws of 1983 and the advisory task force was continued as the Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment.

On April 1, 2000, the Census Bureau fulfilled its decennial responsibility to undertake a full enumeration of the nation's population. Under Public Law 94-171, enacted in 1975, the Census Bureau is required to send the governor and legislature of each state the results of the decennial census, within a one-year period, to be used for redistricting.

The 2000 reapportionment process was the most open in the State's history. The Task Force provided the general public, both individuals and organizations, with unprecedented access to this process. Maps, data, and other information were made available to interested parties on several media: paper, CD-ROM, and the Internet.

After preparing proposed plans for new Assembly and Senate districts, the Task Force held a series of public hearings throughout the State. Subsequently, Governor Pataki signed the legislative districts into law as Chapters 35 and 38 of the Laws of 2002. The Governor later signed the new Congressional districts into law as Chapter 86 of the Laws of 2002.

The Census Bureau reported that New York's population grew by 5.5 percent between 1990 and 2000, while the national population grew by 13.2 percent. As a result, the State lost two seats in the House of Representatives (from 31 seats to 29), as reported by the President of the United States. Each of New York's 29 Congressional districts now contains approximately 654,000 people (an increase of 74,000).

Following the 2000 Census, the average population of an Assembly and Senate district increased by about 6,500 and 11,000, respectively (to approximately 126,500 per Assembly district and 306,000 per Senate district), due to the State's population gain. The State Constitution (Article III, section 2) stipulates 150 Assembly districts and (Article III, sections 2 and 4) outlines a formula for the determination of the number of State Senate districts. According to figures compiled in the 2000 census, implementation of this formula created a State Senate of 62 districts.

To facilitate the 2000 reapportionment, the Task Force developed a state-of-the-art geographic information system (GIS), composed of computer hardware, software, and a street-level database. The database contains census geography, political geography, and census data, all down to the block level. From this database, maps and associated demographic reports for any area of the State can be generated.

The Task Force maintains an on-line database of census data statewide and has developed a Demographic Information and Retrieval System (DIARS), which allows members of the Legislature and State agencies to access the data directly by telephone. Reports and studies can be produced on various topics and the Task Force has the capability of integrating the data with its mapping facilities.

The Task Force has also developed a Geographic Area Retrieval Program (GARP) to assist users in cross-referencing local geogra-

phy and census areas. Based upon the Census Bureau's Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (TIGER) file, GARP allows a user to determine the State legislative, Congressional, and school district, as well as census geography for any address within the State. GARP is also accessible by telephone. A description of capabilities and detailed information on DIARS and GARP may be obtained from the Task Force.

### Publications

2002 Atlas of New York State Congressional and Legislative Districts: State Senate and State Assembly: An 8-1/2" by 14" atlas of individual district maps created on the Task Force's computerized redistricting system. Also contains a demographic section that breaks down each district's population by race/Hispanic origin and voting age. Includes a CD-ROM.  
Price: \$50 plus shipping and handling

2002 Congressional and Legislative District Profiles: One volume each for State Assembly, State Senate, and United States Congress summarizing demographic and socioeconomic data as recorded in the 2000 Census of Population and Housing. Data include race, age, citizenship, ancestry, education, employment, household income, and home ownership, aggregated to the 2002 legislative district level. Includes a CD-ROM.  
Price: \$50 for the set, \$20 each for individual volumes, plus shipping and handling

The same publications are also available for the 1990's reapportionment process. For prices, please contact the Task Force.

## Dormitory Authority of the State of New York

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The Dormitory Authority is a public-benefit corporation authorized to finance and build higher education, health care, mental health, and public-purpose facilities across New York State. The Dormitory Authority sees as its mission to provide customers with low-cost, quality sources of capital and facilities delivered on time by a responsive and innovative team of professionals.

The Authority was created in 1944 to finance and build dormitories at State teachers' colleges following World War II. Over the years, the Legislature has increased the Dormitory Authority's scope of duties. In September 1995, the former Medical Care Facilities Finance Agency and Facilities Development Corporation were consolidated into the Dormitory Authority. The consolidation provides one-stop services for project financing and construction for the higher education and health care sectors, while investors retain their confidence in a highly regarded bond issuer.

Annually, the Dormitory Authority is one of the top municipal bond issuers in the country, with \$3.6 billion in bonds sold during fiscal year 2007-08 and an outstanding bond portfolio of \$35.6 billion. Its project management workload tops \$7 billion, making the Authority one of the largest public building construction agencies in the nation.

Today, the Dormitory Authority finances and builds facilities for health care, higher education, government, and certain nonprofit and public institutions so they may furnish their vital services to

New Yorkers. These facilities include public and private university academic and residential buildings, hospitals, laboratories, medical research facilities, nursing homes, art galleries, libraries, performing arts centers, adult homes, school districts, special education schools, primary care facilities, psychiatric centers, and court facilities.

Among the construction and financing programs offered by the Dormitory Authority are: City University of New York capital programs; State University of New York dormitories and dining halls; independent colleges and universities; community colleges; Special Act school districts; court facilities for cities and counties; long-term care facilities; nonprofit hospitals; nonprofit agencies providing mental health services; facilities for the New York State Departments of Health, Education and Mental Hygiene; New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation capital program; nonprofit institutions authorized by statute; and tax-exempt equipment leasing and financing programs for all Authority clients.

The Authority carries out its programs through an 11-member Board, a full-time staff of more than 600 persons, independent bond counsel, and other outside advisers. Five members are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to terms of three years. The State Comptroller, the Temporary President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the Assembly each appoint a member, and the Director of the Budget and Commissioners of Health and Education serve *ex officio*. Members serve without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses.

Statistics regarding Dormitory Authority programs and activities are published in its Annual Report and are available on the Internet at [www.dasny.org](http://www.dasny.org).

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The Education Department has overall coordinating responsibility for all public and private systems of elementary, secondary, and higher education in the State and provides oversight and technical assistance to New York's museums, libraries, historical societies, and historic records repositories. Additionally, it administers the New York State Museum, New York State Library, and New York State Archives as well as several smaller cultural programs. The Department's Office of Information and Reporting Services provides comprehensive statistical information on request as well as standardized reports available on the Department web site, [www.nysed.gov/irts/](http://www.nysed.gov/irts/).

The Office of Information and Reporting Services also records long-term trends in elementary and secondary enrollment, number of

schools and school districts, high school graduates, and in many other areas of interest. Higher education enrollments and degrees awarded are reported by the Higher Education Office of Research and Information Systems (ORIS). Data concerning school revenues and expenditures are provided by the State Aid Unit of the State Education Department.

## ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Annual Report to the Governor and the Legislature on the Educational Status of the State's Schools (a.k.a., the Chapter 655 Report): Chapter 655 of the Laws of 1987, which amended Section 215-a of State Education Law, requires the Education Department to annually submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature providing a statistical picture of schools and students. The annual report is presented in two parts. The first part (Volume 1), titled Statewide Profile of Educational System, provides data on longitudinal trends as well as an analysis of student/district need and minority composition. Gender and other issues are addressed in Volume 1. The second part (Volume 2, Statistical Profiles of Public School Districts), provides district level demographic and performance data. Volume 2 data may be viewed at the Department's web site ([www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts/](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts/)).

New York State School Report Card: Since 1997 the Department has produced a Public School Report Card for all public schools. The Report Cards are distributed in late winter of each school year and contain assessment (testing), dropout, attendance, suspension, enrollment and high school graduate data. Data are displayed for the most recent three years of available data. Schools are compared statistically to schools of similar type with student need being a factor in determining similar schools. The School Report Cards may be viewed at the Department's web site ([www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts/](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts/)).

Code Manual for Public School Districts in New York State: The single source for school district codes used by the field and all units of the Education Department that receive reports from the schools of the State.

Directory of Public and Nonpublic Schools and Administrators: Published in the early fall, this is the sole reference available showing names, addresses, and telephone numbers of chief school officers and school principals. This document may be viewed at the Department's web site ([www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts/](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts/)).

Education Statistics, New York State, Prepared Especially for Members of the Legislature: A pocket size booklet, this publication is made available to legislators and their staffs at the opening of the legislative session to provide a brief overview of education in the State. This document may be viewed at the Department's web site ([www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts/](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts/)).

High School Graduates: Number of high school graduates and number of graduates entering post-secondary education within and outside New York State. This document may be viewed at the Department's web site ([www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts/](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts/)).

## HIGHER EDUCATION

Information on colleges and universities is available through the Office of Research and Information web site at [www.highered.nysed.gov/oris](http://www.highered.nysed.gov/oris) in table and/or file format for the following topics.

Admission Information: Trend data on application, acceptance, and enrollment patterns of freshman. Current data by racial/ethnic category and by academic preparation.

Degrees Conferred: Degrees conferred by level of degree, gender, subject areas, and racial/ethnic category.

Employees-Faculty: Number, gender, rank, tenure, and salaries of full-time instructional faculty.

Employees: Counts of staff by type, racial/ethnic category, and gender. Number of instructional faculty by institution.

Enrollment at Colleges and Universities: Enrollment by level of study, sector, gender, racial/ethnic category, and institution.

Enrollment Activity: Information on annual and fall term credit hours and contact hours by program level. Fall term persistence and remedial/development success for first-time undergraduates.

Enrollment by Origin of Students: Student residency information by level of student.

Enrollment of Transfer Students: Information on full-time undergraduate transfer students by source institution sector and level.

Enrollment of Students with Disabilities: Number of students enrolled in colleges and universities by type of disability.

Enrollment by Age of Student: Enrollment by age category and level of student.

Graduation Rates: Cohort graduation rates of full-time, first-time, and transfer students at the associate and baccalaureate degree levels.

Institutional Finances: Financial information on the State's colleges and universities.

Student Charges: Tuition and fees, room and board.

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An office of the Education Department, the New York State Archives appraises, acquires, preserves, and provides access to historically valuable records from all three branches of State government. The Archives is also responsible for providing records advisory services to both State and local governments, and for advising and assisting archival programs throughout the State. Operational since 1978, the State Archives houses over 100,000 cubic feet of material dating from about 1632 to the present, with additional records acquired at a rate of 1,000-2,000 cubic feet per year. Most of the records in the Archives are on paper; they include files, bound volumes, cartographic records, architectural documents, photographic prints, and computer printouts. Significant holdings are also contained on microfilm, videotapes, audiotapes, computer tapes, and photographic and motion picture film. Increasingly, records in electronic form are accessioned.

## Geological Survey

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**Background.** The New York State Geological Survey (NYSGS) was established by the New York State Legislature in 1836 and has operated continuously since. It is currently a bureau of the State Museum in the State Education Department.

**Mission.** The mission of the NYSGS is to conduct geologic research, evaluate mineral resources and geologic hazards of the State of New York, and make the data and advice derived from that research available to State agencies, the educational community, and the public for the health, safety, and economic welfare of the citizens of the State. Responsibilities of the NYSGS include maintaining a comprehensive inventory of the geologic resources; conducting research into the characteristics of, and processes operating in, the earth's crust; and making the resulting geologic knowledge readily available.

**Program Areas.** The NYSGS has the following program areas: Geologic Mapping Program, Devonian Geology, Glacial Geology, Proterozoic Geology, Paleontology, Hydrocarbon Reservoir Characterization Group, Carbon Dioxide Sequestration, Advisory Services, and Educational Outreach.

**Geologic Mapping Program.** The Geologic Map Atlas program was initiated in 1960 to produce a variety of maps including bedrock, surficial geology, geophysical, geochemical, and geologic hazards. This program maintains an up-to-date synthesis of all geologic mapping and modern analysis of geologic data for use by other State agencies, academic researchers, land-use decision makers, and the public. The Survey is currently working within STATEMAP, a cooperative program with the U.S. Department of Interior — Geological Survey, to geologically map counties at a scale of 1:24,000. This program requires matching funds from the State and the U.S. Geological Survey. The State Geological Mapping Advisory Committee advises the State Geologist on mapping priorities. Regions with priority for mapping are those with rapidly growing populations, whether urban or rural; transportation and energy corridors; and areas with the potential for industrial mineral development. Mapping projects are underway in central, eastern, and southeastern New York. In addition, thirty-five years of mapping by staff of the NYSGS and cooperating academic researchers is now being prepared for publication.

**Devonian Geology.** Roughly 40 percent of New York State is underlain by Devonian rocks. Project research ranges across a broad spectrum of geologic problems including sequence stratigraphy, tectonics, and sedimentation, sedimentary basins, high resolution event and cyclic stratigraphy, and both marine and terrestrial systems. A chief research interest is K-bentonites (ancient volcanic ash layers), and the full range of processes involved in their sedimentology and stratigraphic (preservational) history.

**Glacial Geology.** The NYSGS has recognized the need to expand their surficial mapping program to include three-dimensional mapping, inclusive of lithostratigraphic information at depth in the subsurface. To accomplish this task the NYSGS is developing a holistic approach to mapping that includes near-surface geophysics and exploratory drilling in addition to outcrop analysis. Further, the collection of three-dimensional data inclusive of boreholes provides data for aquifers, aggregate resources, and sediment-landform relationships. Mapping activities will complement ongoing research evaluating the deglacial chronology of Lake Albany, an expansive proglacial lake system within the Hudson Lowlands during the late-Wisconsinan glacial period. Additional reconnaissance mapping activities will evaluate slope-failure associated with stream erosion of complex glacial lacustrine sediments in the Catskills. In central New York, surficial mapping will augment a pilot study to evaluate the origin, fluvial dynamics, and chronology of the cross-state melt-

water channel system and associated deposits sought after by the aggregates industry.

**Proterozoic Geology.** Geological studies of rock of appropriate age are being performed in the Hudson Highlands of southeastern New York and in the Adirondack Mountains. Specific investigations involve the chemistry of amphibole and tourmaline group minerals in Grenville-age rocks, Mn-rich schistose rocks in the Adirondacks, and Fe deposits in the Hudson Highlands. The staff member involved in these studies also holds the position of Curator of Geology for the New York State Museum.

**Paleontology.** Recent studies by the paleontology staff include sequence stratigraphy and faunas (conodonts, trilobites) of the upper Lower Ordovician in eastern New York and adjacent Vermont; Upper Ordovician litho- and biofacies of a giant melange block in the Taconic foreland basin; eustatic vs epeirogenic controls on Early-Middle Cambrian boundary interval deposition in Morocco and Iberia; and a regional synthesis of the Cambrian of southern Morocco. The State Paleontologist curates the Museum Paleontology Collection.

**Hydrocarbon Reservoir Characterization Group.** The Empire State Oil and Gas Information System (ESOGIS) provides users with access to all of New York's publicly available oil and gas data. The responsibility of the Reservoir Characterization Group is to maintain New York's collection of oil and gas data (paper files, logs, samples, well core, etc.) and also to perform and promote research in New York's potential for oil and gas development and storage. Currently, ESOGIS allows users to query New York's oil and gas wells and view the results in tabular or detailed format. Individual projects can be created with wells selected from query results and mass downloads of data are available for those wells within a specific project. Data available for download currently include general well information, production data, formation tops, paper files, rasterized well logs, and digital well logs for those wells that are considered deep (reaching the Trenton Formation). The Reservoir Characterization Group is performing petrographic and geochemical analysis of Lower Paleozoic carbonate rocks in the Mohawk Valley of New York. Surface structures are being studied as analogs to the deeper, fault-induced, hydrothermal diagenesis of dolomite that is the basis for the largest natural gas "play" seen in New York in decades. A petroleum (gas or oil) "play" is an industry term that refers to the exploration and extraction of oil or gas reserves from a region. The normal steps in the play cycle are: initial observations of a possible oil reserve; testing and adjustments to initial estimates of extraction; high success in locating and extracting oil from a reserve; lower success as the reserve is depleted; and continued decrease in further exploration of the region. In addition, the Reservoir Characterization Group is investigating the potential for natural gas in the Marcellus shale near the Pennsylvania border in central New York. Combined recoverable reserves from New York and Pennsylvania are estimated 50 trillion cubic feet of gas.

**Carbon Dioxide Sequestration.** The NYSGS is working in cooperation with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and the New York Power Authority (NYPA) to identify sites and geological formations where it would be geologically permissible to sequester CO<sub>2</sub> in bedrock. Industry wishes to build an integrated gasification combined cycle power plant and it must be near a large market for electricity since power lines for transmission of electricity are becoming increasingly challenging to construct. NYSGS staff has provided statewide maps of permissible geologic units and have proposed deep seismic and drilling tests of areas underlain by sedimentary rock in the New York City Metropolitan Area.

**Advisory Services.** One of the specified mission requirements of the 1945 legislation establishing the New York State Science Service is to make available NYSGS's services to all departments of the State and residents of the State, and to cooperate with scientific units or agencies of other states, the federal government, educational institutions, and industry, in the discovery, analysis, and

dissemination of scientific information. To these ends, the NYSGS has established an advisory services unit. Advisory service activities fall into two broad categories: (1) single, individual requests for geologic information or advice, and (2) continuing advisory service projects related to specific State or federal programs. The Advisory Services unit has developed a database program for storage, search, and retrieval of greater than 8,000 Open File listings. These can be accessed by author, subject matter, project, or geographic area of the state.

**Education Outreach.** The NYSGS maintains a number of educational activities. The NYSGS, in cooperation with the New York State Museum, will cosponsor the Eighth Annual Donald H. Cadwell Earth Science Teachers Workshop in July 2008. This program is designed to facilitate hands-on investigation of the geologic evolution of New York State; establish close, continuous working relationships between New York State Earth Science teachers and the professional geologists from the NYSGS; and help Earth Science teachers obtain additional experiences and prepare materials for use in teaching Earth Science. Staff members give lectures and seminars, run field trips within and outside of New York State, teach geology courses in local colleges, present workshops for secondary school teachers, and perform other public awareness functions. NYSGS staff presents research results and scientific seminars and meetings, serves as research advisors for MS/PhD candidates, gives interviews to the news media, and supports student volunteers and geological professional and scientific societies. NYSGS staff, on a continuing basis, serve as content specialists in the development of exhibits for the New York State Museum.

The NYSGS has been publishing its findings since its inception. Send for a free Publications List and Open File brochure or, for publications on-line, visit: [www.nysm.nysed.gov/publications/geolpub.html](http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/publications/geolpub.html).

## State Library

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The New York State Library is one of the nation's oldest libraries (1818), and New York's public research library. The Research Collection includes more than 20 million books, documents, maps, and other resources with an emphasis on New York history and culture, law, medicine, business, certain pure sciences, and technology. The Library's collection supplements the holdings of all types of libraries throughout the State through interlibrary loan and document delivery services, responding to over 30,000 interlibrary loan requests each year.

More than 38,000 New Yorkers with physical impairments enjoy at-home access through the New York State Talking Book and Braille Library. Additionally, New Yorkers statewide enjoy 24-hour access to a powerful on-line catalog of information about the Library, its collections, and services through the Internet.

The New York State Library sponsors **NOVELNY**, the pilot project to New York's *Statewide Internet Library*. **NOVELNY** gives New Yorkers access to full-text of thousands of national and international newspapers and magazines, health and medical resources, business collections, and age-appropriate materials for youngsters via their local library.

The State Library's Research Library helps the business community win business contracts for New York by providing access to quality resources including directory information, market research, industry standards, and city codes.

The State Library is the only complete repository for federal publications in New York State. It is one of only 80 United States Patent Depository libraries in the entire nation and the only state library to qualify for membership in the Association of Research Libraries.

The Library Development Division promotes library development in the State to ensure educational, informational, vocational, and recreational library resources for all New Yorkers. The Division works with 9 reference and research library resources systems, 23 public library systems, 41 school library systems, 272 academic and research libraries, 750 public libraries, and many special libraries, serving as a clearinghouse for library information.

### Statistical Series:

Information about libraries and library systems is available on the Division of Library Development's web site at [www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libs/index.html](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libs/index.html).

Public Libraries: In Public and Association Libraries Statistics.  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1956 to present (Latest edition on CD-ROM 1998)

### Other Publication:

Library Systems: Members of library systems, addresses, and maps of systems.  
In: The Directory of New York State Library Systems and members  
Frequency: Annually through 1993; irregularly thereafter  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1976 to present (Latest edition 2000)

*Find Your Public Library* is available on the Division of Library Development's web site at [www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libs/publibs/1pls.htm](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libs/publibs/1pls.htm).

## State Museum

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The State Museum's history, inquiry, discovery, and education began in 1836 when the Museum was established as the State Geological and Natural History Survey. Over the years, it has grown into a major research and educational institution dedicated to preserving New York's rich artistic, social, historical, and environmental legacies under the leadership of the New York State Education Department.

The Museum's mission is two-fold:

- To promote inquiry and advance knowledge in the fields of geology, biology, anthropology, and history through the investigation of material evidence germane to New York State's past, present, and future, and

- To share this knowledge through exhibits and other means with wide and diverse audiences, whom the Museum encourages to take delight in learning by participating in the discovery processes central to its work.

Today, the State Museum's collections number more than 12 million artifacts and specimens. Each year, the Museum's exhibits and programs attract between 750,000 to 800,000 visitors, more than half of whom come from outside the Capital Region. The programs that are offered to school groups attract about 60,000 students annually from throughout the State.

## Office of Educational Television and Public Broadcasting

Albany, New York 12230  
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### Vision

New York State will be a leader in applying public telecommunications resources towards educational improvement, student achievement, lifelong learning, and personal enrichment.

### Mission

To be a catalyst in connecting public broadcasting resources and practices to the State Education Department (SED) priorities while building a strong and thriving statewide public broadcasting system.

### Goals

- To facilitate the creation of public broadcasting programs and services to meet SED priorities.
- To focus public broadcasting resources on unserved and underserved audiences to help close gaps in achievement and opportunity for all New Yorkers.
- To prove the value of public broadcasting through research and to encourage creative risk-taking.

## Elections, State Board of

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The State Board of Elections, created in 1974 by an act of the New York State Legislature, has responsibility for the administration and enforcement of all election laws including campaign finance disclosure.

The Board certifies candidates for the ballot, prepares the form and content of ballot issues and tabulates the vote for State offices for submission to the State Board of Canvassers.

The Board has extensive oversight functions with respect to local boards of election. It directs and monitors administrative proce-

dures, promulgates rules and regulations and adopts uniform forms prescribed by the Election Law.

The State Board also investigates all violations of the Election Law and, if it finds reasonable cause to believe that a violation warranting criminal prosecution has occurred, it refers the case to the appropriate district attorney.

With respect to campaign finance disclosure, the Board is the filing office for all financial statements relating to candidates for State office. As such, it audits the statements and refers violators to district attorneys, or obtains fines through civil proceedings. The Board also issues advisory opinions and establishes accounting procedures.

The Board is also involved in promoting voter registration in New York State. Currently, the Board is responsible for administering the agency-based registration program created pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act and the newly executed Help America Vote Act of 2002. The Board also maintains its 1-800-FOR-VOTE registration hotline, which callers may use to obtain voter registration forms. In addition, the Board provides voter registration supplies to groups and organizations throughout the state interested in conducting voter registration drives.

## Empire State Development

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Empire State Development, formerly the Department of Economic Development, is responsible for the promotion of business and industry in New York State. In line with this, Empire State Development conducts research, compiles statistics, and publishes information on various aspects of the State's economy.

Empire State Development also provides a variety of data services and is able to make data about the state's economy and population available via the web.

## State Data Center

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New York State is participating in the State Data Center Program established by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. The purpose of this program is to provide improved access to the extensive data files available from nationwide censuses that collect and process information on a wide range of topics at various levels of governmental or geographic subdivisions.

The New York State Data Center provides services to state and local governments, business and industry, educational institutions, non-

profit organizations, and individuals. These services are provided through a network of Affiliate Data Centers located throughout the entire state. The Affiliates, along with public, academic, and research libraries, provide data access and statistical services at the local level. (For a complete list of Affiliate Data Centers, see pages 670–673.)

Primary data sources include the decennial Census of Population and Housing, Economic Censuses, the Census of Agriculture, the Census of Governments, and a variety of other data maintained by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and

Bureau of Labor Statistics. Much of the data is available on the Internet and CD-ROM as well as in printed reports.

**Statistical Series:**

Current Population Estimates, Official: Total population estimates for New York State, by county, as of July 1 of each year.

Frequency: Annually

Published: 1960 to present

## New York State Data Center and Affiliates

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## New York State Data Center and Affiliates

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State University of New York at Binghamton  
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Binghamton, New York 13902  
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State University of New York at Buffalo  
Business and Government Documents Reference Center  
Lockwood Library  
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Web Site: [ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/guides/  
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Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency  
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Ulster County Planning Board  
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## Employee Relations, Governor's Office of

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The Office of Employee Relations was established in 1969 by Article 24 of the NYS Executive Law to promote harmonious and cooperative relationships between the State's Executive Branch and its employees, and to protect the public by assuring the orderly and uninterrupted operation of state government. As the Governor's representative in Executive Branch collective negotiations, GOER negotiates collective bargaining agreements for 14

negotiating units, represented by nine public employee unions, for almost 185,000 state employees.

The formal mission of the agency is to advance the performance of state government through collaborative labor relations, workforce training, education, and benefits.

A primary goal of the office is to maintain a productive, motivated, skilled workforce and to promote positive employee relations and effective management. GOER has a central role in establishing, implementing, and communicating policy governing the state's human resource management system and for establishing employee relations policies for the state.

A major responsibility of agency staff is to provide coordination and support for contract administration activities including providing state agencies with contract clause interpretations, overseeing labor-management programs, and providing advice on employee relations matters.

As the state's and the Governor's employee relations representative GOER:

- Provides guidance and advice to the Governor in support of his labor relations and employee agenda
- Provides a consistent labor relations philosophy in all departments and agencies
- Seeks to build and maintain positive relationships with labor
- Ensures that compensation and benefit programs for state employees are cost-effective
- Offers programs to increase the competency of the state workforce
- Plans for a changing workplace in partnership with the unions and the Department of Civil Service
- Promotes and maintains a safe and healthy workforce

## Energy Office, New York State

Agency went out of operation in 1995.

## Energy Research and Development Authority, New York State

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New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), a public benefit corporation, was created by the New York State Legislature in 1975 to use innovation and technology to solve some of New York's most difficult energy and environmental problems in ways that improve the State's economy. NYSEERDA places a premium on objective analysis, as well as collaboration, reaching out to solicit multiple perspectives and share information. NYSEERDA is committed to public service, striving to be a model of what taxpayers want their government to be: effective, flexible, responsive, and efficient. This commitment is reflected in the more than 200 national and international awards NYSEERDA has received over the past 30 years.

NYSERDA administers the New York Energy \$mart<sup>SM</sup> program, which is designed to support certain public benefit programs during the transition to a more competitive electricity market. Some 2,500 projects in more than 30 programs are funded by a charge on the electricity transmitted and distributed by the State's investor-owned utilities. The New York Energy \$mart<sup>SM</sup> program provides energy efficiency services, including those directed at the low-income sector, research, economic development, and environmental protection activities.

NYSERDA derives its basic research revenues from an assessment on the intrastate sales of New York State's investor-owned electric and gas utilities, and voluntary contributions from the New York Power Authority and the Long Island Power Authority. More than 685 NYSEERDA research projects help the State's businesses and municipalities with their energy and environmental problems. Since 1990, NYSEERDA has successfully developed and brought into use more than 170 innovative, energy-efficient, and environmentally beneficial products, processes, and services.

NYSERDA's Research and Development programs incorporate innovative energy-efficient technologies into industrial processes

enhancing the environment by saving energy, preventing pollution, and strengthening the economy, making New York State industry more competitive through increased productivity and reduced vulnerability to energy price and supply disruptions. NYSEERDA's Energy Efficiency Services programs use federal funds to work with business and institutions in identifying existing technologies and equipment to reduce their energy costs, improve environmental conditions, secure project funding from public and private sources, and stimulate usage of alternative fueled vehicles. With an eye on usage, the Energy Analysis program monitors energy supply, consumption, distribution, and regulatory policies. Additional NYSEERDA areas of responsibility:

- The New York State Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Act (1986) charged NYSEERDA with acquiring lands for designing and obtaining necessary regulatory approvals for constructing and operating facilities to dispose low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) generated in New York State.
- NYSEERDA manages the Western New York Nuclear Service Center, the site of a former nuclear fuel reprocessing facility and a moth-balled low-level radioactive waste disposal area. The site is located on 3,340 acres of State-owned land approximately 30 miles southeast of Buffalo, near West Valley in Cattaraugus County. As manager of the Center, NYSEERDA represents New York State in the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) and also maintains the other part of the site, including the disposal area.
- NYSEERDA issues tax-exempt bonds and notes on behalf of utility companies to finance certain eligible costs of their electric, gas, or steam-service systems. Under certain circumstances, NYSEERDA also can issue tax-exempt special energy project bonds to reduce costs of borrowing for businesses and institutions in the State. These interest-cost savings directly benefit New Yorkers.
- NYSEERDA monitors generation and management of low-level radioactive waste in the State and assists the coordination of State programs related to radioactive materials control and nuclear energy, including serving as the Governor's designated liaison with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
- NYSEERDA Residential Efficiency and Affordability programs provide incentives, financing, and low-income assistance to upgrade energy efficiency in existing homes, build ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup>-labeled homes, and use renewable energy in addition to driving market transformation through promotion of ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup>-labeled products.

### Publications:

NYSERDA publishes an Annual Report along with reports documenting a given program, topic, or sector. Most publications can be found at: [www.nyserdera.org/publications.html](http://www.nyserdera.org/publications.html).

## Environmental Conservation, Department of

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Creation of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in July of 1970 marked the beginning of a new approach to envi-

ronmental action, bringing together all State functions for environmental protection and resource management.

The Department is charged with detecting and controlling sources of land, air, and water pollution as well as protecting and managing New York's fish, wildlife, forests, and other natural resources. Another mandated role is to inform and educate the public about the environment.

The operations of the Department create a large volume of data, the majority of which is not presented in journal publication. Technical reports are issued on a variety of technical subjects related to the environment.

The Department has an information site on the World Wide Web. Some statistical information is currently available on the DEC web site, and there are plans to add information.

Most DEC data can be found through the main page: [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov).

#### **Statistical Series:**

**Accidents, Hunting:** Number of injuries and fatalities.  
Available from: Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources, Sportsmen Education Unit  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1940 to present

**Air Quality Monitoring:** Detailed data on air content, as measured at various air monitoring sites throughout the State.  
Available from: Bureau of Air Research, Division of Air Resources  
Areas covered: Individual monitoring sites  
Published: 1958 to present  
Available on web site: [www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8506.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8506.html)

**Annual Report, Division of Water:** Water program objectives and accomplishments.  
Frequency: Annually (most recent state fiscal year)  
Available from: Division of Water

**Big Game Take:** Calculated annual legal take of deer and bear based on sample data from field checking stations, public freezer locker plants, and take reports from licensed big game hunters.  
Available from: Bureau of Wildlife, Division of Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources  
Frequency: Annually  
Areas covered: Counties of New York State  
Published: 1949 to present

**Commercial Finfish, Shellfish, and Crustacean Landings:** Take by species, from marine waters of New York State. Recent data give breakdown by selected major waterways.  
Available from: Bureau of Marine Resources, Division of Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1895 to present  
Available on web site: [www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7903.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7903.html)

**Fish Stocking:** Number of fish stocked by New York State by species and, recently, by body of water.  
Available from: Bureau of Fisheries, Division of Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources  
Frequency: Annually  
Areas covered: New York State and/or counties  
Published: 1895 to present  
Available on web site: [www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/17739.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/17739.html)

**Forest Fires:** Number of fires, acres burned, and estimated loss due to fires in State forest lands.

Available from: Division of Forest Protection and Fire Management  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State and/or counties  
Published: 1895 to present

**Generation and Disposal of Hazardous Waste in New York State:** Identifies quantity and type is subdivided by DEC region and by county.  
Available from: Division of Solid and Hazardous Materials  
Frequency: Annually  
Published: 1990 to present

**Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Licenses:** License sales by type.  
Available from: Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources  
Frequency: Annually  
Areas covered: New York State and counties  
Published: 1918 to present (State); 1964 to present (counties)

**Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites in New York State (Registry).**  
Available from: Division of Environmental Remediation  
Frequency: Annually  
Areas covered: All counties  
Published: 1980; 1983 to present

**Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites: Status Report**  
Available from: Division of Environmental Remediation  
Frequency: Quarterly  
Areas covered: All counties  
Published: 1986 to present

**Inactive Hazardous Waste Site Remedial Plan: Update and Status Report.**  
Available from: Division of Environmental Remediation  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1986 to present

**Land Acquisition:** Acreage acquired by Department with summaries by purpose (Forest Preserve, Reforestation, Public Fishing Rights, Wetlands, etc.)  
Available from: Division of Lands and Forests, Bureau of Real Property  
Frequency: Annually  
Areas covered: Counties of New York State  
Published: 1885 to present

**Licensed Outdoor Guides:** Names and addresses of New York State Licensed Guides with breakdown by address and guide activity.  
Available from: Bureau of Forest Protection and Fire Management  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1986 to present

**Marine Water Quality:** Detailed data on the bacterial levels as measured at locations throughout the marine region.  
Available from: Bureau of Marine Resources, Division of Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources  
Areas covered: Waters of the marine region  
Published: 1960 to present

**Mining Operations:** Acreage affected by mining, acreage reclaimed, type of mine, and minerals being mined.  
Available from: Division of Mineral Resources  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1978 to present  
Available on web site: [www.dec.ny.gov/lands/128020.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/128020.html)

**Municipal Sludge Management Practices in New York State**  
Available from: Division of Solid and Hazardous Materials  
Frequency: Occasional

Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1989 to present

NYS Low-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Report  
Available from: Division of Solid & Hazardous Materials, Bureau of Radiation and Hazardous Site Management  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: All counties  
Published: 1987-present  
Available on web site (1997, 1998, 1999): [www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/296.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/296.html)

Oil and Gas Drilling and Production Report: Statistics on permits issued, wells drilled, and amounts of oil and gas produced in each town and field; solution mining and underground natural gas and LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) storage; exploration and development highlights; market value and revenue statistics; and leasing data for state-owned lands.  
Available from: Division of Mineral Resources  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1985 to present  
Available on web site: [www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/205.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/205.html)

Oil and Gas Fields Glossary and Map: Up-to-date information and maps on oil and gas fields, as well as changes in the sizes and shapes of old, historical fields. The fields are listed by county with corresponding town, type of fluid produced, status, and producing formation. Information is also available on gas storage fields, LPG facilities, and solution mining fields.  
Available by email: Division of Mineral Resources at [dmninfo@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:dmninfo@gw.dec.state.ny.us)

Oil and Gas Operations: Volume produced and estimates of underground reserves.  
Available from: Division of Mineral Resources  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1966 to present  
Available on web site: [www.dec.ny.gov/energy/11601.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/11601.html)

Public Use of Forest Recreation Facilities: Volume of use of public recreational facilities in the State Forest Preserve by individual facility.  
Available from: Bureau of Recreation, Division of Operations  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1926 to present

The Recycling Bulletin: A concise, descriptive summary of the recycling programs in New York State.  
Available from: Division of Solid and Hazardous Materials  
Frequency: Updated annually.  
Available on web site: [www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/18800.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/18800.html)

Register of Solid Waste Management Facilities: Data on individual solid waste management facilities (landfills, transfer stations, landfill gas recovery waste-to-energy facilities).  
Available from: Division of Solid and Hazardous Materials  
Frequency: Periodically  
Published: 1978 to present

Rotating Intensive Water Basin Studies: Detailed assessment of water quality, measured at various water monitoring sites throughout the State.  
Available from: Division of Water  
Frequency: Every other year  
Area covered: Selected Drainage Basins  
Published: 1987 to present

Sales of Forest Products from State Lands: Product sales by type and volume.

Available from: Bureau of Public Lands, Division of Lands and Forests  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1965 to present

Solid Waste Management Plan — Update.  
Available from: Division of Solid and Hazardous Materials  
Frequency: Annually prior to 1992; biennially after 1992.  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1987 to present

Solid Waste Management Technical Assistance Report  
Available from: Division of Solid and Hazardous Materials  
Frequency: Annually  
Published: 1988 to present

Stumpage Price Report: Lists the average low, average high and most common prices paid for standing trees sold for sawlogs, pulpwood, fuelwood, and poles.  
Available from: Bureau of Private Land Services, Division of Lands and Forests  
Frequency: Semiannually (January and July)  
Area covered: 14 reporting areas throughout New York State  
Published: 1972 to present

Timber Resources, An Analysis of New York's: Analysis of the fourth forest survey of New York; trends since previous surveys; forest area by ownership, stand size, and forest type; timber volume by species, location, and quality; biomass; timber products output for sawlogs, pulpwood, and fuel wood; growth and removals; forest area, volume and growth and removals; and opportunities for increasing production of major forest resources. (A cooperative report with the USDA Forest Service.)  
Available from: Bureau of Private Land Services, Division of Lands and Forests  
Frequency: Every 10 to 12 years  
Area covered: Entire state  
Published: 1960 to 1993

Wildland Searches and Rescues: Number of searches and staff hours spent on missions.  
Available from: Division of Forest Protection and Fire Management  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1963 to 1998

#### Other Publications

Conservationist: The Department's official magazine, with articles covering all phases of environmental concern and natural resource management. Subscription is \$12.00 per year and requests should be addressed to: Conservationist, P.O. Box 1500, Latham, New York 12110.  
Available on web site: [www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/conservationist.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/conservationist.html)  
Frequency: Bimonthly

Directory of Primary Wood Using Industries of New York: List of all mills in New York which use logs to produce forest products: includes sawmills, pulp and paper mills, veneer mills, etc.  
Available from: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Bureau of Private Land Services, Division of Lands and Forests, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233  
Published: Every 3 to 4 years, 1954-1991.

Directory of Secondary Wood Using Industries in New York: Lists manufacturers that use any wood product more finished than green lumber and produce a product that includes a significant component of wood.  
Available from: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Lands and Forests, Bureau of Private Land Services, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233  
Published: Every 3 to 4 years, 1954-1992

Environment DEC: An online newsletter that covers department accomplishments and programs that relate to environmental conservation, pollution prevention, and natural resources management, as well as recreational opportunities and upcoming events that pertain to the environment of New York State.

Available on web site: [www.dec.ny.gov/64.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/64.html)

Frequency: Monthly

Solid Waste Generation and Management Report

Available from: Division of Solid and Hazardous Materials

Frequency: Biennially after 1996

Area covered: New York State

Published: 1994 to present

The Environmental Notice Bulletin: The ENB publishes notices and information in accordance with Environmental Conservation Law Article 3-0306(4). Among the items published are: DEC Notice of Complete Application, DEC Notices of Rule Making, State Environmental Quality Review notices, DEC hearing notices, coastal zoning management notices, DEC announcements, registry of emission reduction credits, and oil, gas, and solution mining permit activity. The ENB is an official publication of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Published: Biweekly from July 29, 1976 through May 17, 1977. It has been published weekly since May 25, 1977. Since November 10, 1999, the ENB has been available online from the DEC web site: [www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html).

## Environmental Facilities Corporation, New York State

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The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) is a public benefit corporation that promotes environmental quality by providing low-cost capital and expert technical assistance to municipalities, businesses, and State agencies for environmental and public health projects in New York State.

EFC's primary programmatic activities are:

- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). EFC makes below-market-rate loans to municipalities and private organizations for water pollution control projects — including landfill closure and other nonpoint source projects. EFC has made more than \$12.7 billion in loans to date under this program.
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). EFC administers the DWSRF in partnership with the New York State Department of Health. This program provides community water suppliers, both public and private, with access to low-interest financing for projects that improve and protect public water supplies. EFC has provided almost \$2.05 billion in grants and loans to date under this program.
- New York City Watershed Agreement. EFC is signatory of the New York City Watershed Agreement, with substantial responsibilities in the areas of technical assistance, and contract and financial management.

- Industrial Finance Program. EFC makes low-interest loans to businesses for environmental improvement projects including solid waste management, sewage treatment, water supply, and hazardous waste remediation.
- Technical Advisory Services. EFC provides technical advisory services to help businesses and government entities reduce pollution and waste streams, comply with new and existing environmental laws and regulations, and manage environmental projects and programs.
- Financial Assistance to Business. The New York State 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act contained \$60 million to provide assistance to New York's small business sector in complying with water and air quality regulations.
- Small Business Environmental Assistance Program. Provides small businesses such as printers, metal and wood furniture manufacturers, autobody shops, drycleaners, and various other manufacturers with free and confidential technical assistance for complying with environmental requirements.
- Clean Vessel Assistance Program. Helps protect and improve water quality in New York's navigable waterways by providing grants to marinas, municipalities, and not-for-profit organizations for installing facilities that receive sewage from recreational marine vessels. The Clean Vessel Assistance Information and Education Program provides grants for projects that increase awareness and use of such facilities.
- Environmental Farm Assistance and Resource Management Program (EFARM). EFARM provides financial and technical assistance to farming businesses across New York State for the improvement of environmental management practices, including air and water pollution abatement and odor control through improved nutrient management.
- The Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP) provides low-cost financing to beginning farmers for the purchase of agricultural property and equipment.

EFC is governed by a Board of Directors. There are three *ex-officio* members: The Commissioner of Environmental Conservation, who is the Chairperson; the State Health Commissioner; and the Secretary of State. In addition, four board members are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for six year terms. The President of the Corporation is appointed by the Chief Executive Officer and approved by the Board of Directors.

The *ex-officio* members are Alexander B. "Pete" Grannis, Commissioner of Environmental Conservation; Richard F. Daines, M.D., Commissioner of Health; and Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez, Secretary of State.

The appointed members of the Board are Lawrence F. DiGiovanna, Esq., of Brooklyn, whose term expires on December 31, 2011; Charles Kruzansky, of Voorheesville, New York, whose term expires on December 31, 2012; Robert J. Fischer, of Rochester, whose term expires December 31, 2007; and Francis T. Corcoran, of Bedford Corners, whose term expires December 31, 2009.

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## Publications:

The State Revolving Fund Application Kit

Annual Drinking Water Intended Use Plan

Annual Clean Water Intended Use Plan

New York State Revolving Fund News

EFC Annual Report

Annual Information Statement

Clean Air News

Vapor Recovery Systems: Self Inspection Handbook for Gasoline Facilities

## Equalization and Assessment, State Board of

See: Real Property Services, Office of

## Facilities Development Corporation

Merged into the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York effective September 1, 1995.

## General Services, Office of

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The Office of General Services (OGS) provides comprehensive services that help facilitate government operations. Through diverse programs that support the efforts of state agencies, local governments, not-for-profit organizations, and the general public, OGS works to ensure its customers receive assistance that will help them fulfill their missions and objectives.

Among the services provided by OGS are:

- A broad range of procurement contracts for the commodity, service, and technology requirements of State agencies and authorized non-State agencies, including local governments, schools, libraries, and not-for-profit organizations;
- Architectural, engineering, and design and construction management services to State agencies operating State-owned facilities;
- Real property management of approximately 18 million square feet of State-owned space, including 55 major and 88 ancillary facilities across the state;
- Office space planning and real estate leasing services for State agencies;
- Various support services that assist governmental agencies, including management and delivery of interagency

mail and freight, printing and quick copy services and employee and visitor parking, as well as support to schools, libraries, and other eligible organizations through management of the Federal and State Surplus Property program and the Government Donated Foods program;

- Coordination of cultural events, convention support, and visitor services at the Empire State Plaza and other major State office buildings.

OGS continually works with its clients to develop innovative strategies and solutions that will provide the public with a range of services at an affordable cost.

## Health, Department of

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The Department of Health protects and promotes the health of the people of New York by preventing and reducing threats to public health and by assuring access to affordable, high quality health services.

## Higher Education Services Corporation, New York State

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The New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) is the designated State agency responsible for administering student financial aid programs. These programs include state-sponsored scholarships and special awards, federal loans for both parents and students, and early outreach and counseling through a federal GEAR UP grant. HESC's programs also include the nationally acclaimed New York 529 College Choice Tuition Savings Program, which is jointly administered with the state comptroller, and provides residents with tax incentives for investing in their child's college fund.

The Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) — our flagship state-sponsored student grant program — has been, and continues to be, the most generous need-based state student grant program in the country. Over its lifetime, TAP has awarded nearly \$16 billion to more than four million students. From its start in 1974 with a budget of \$79 million and an average grant of \$334, TAP has matured. In 2006-07, the state's Tuition Assistance Program provided \$831 million to more than 381,000 students.

HESC is the seventh-largest guarantor of new federal student loans in the nation. Last year, we approved nearly \$3 billion in new loans and \$1.6 billion in consolidation loans. In total, HESC guaranteed nearly \$4.6 billion in loans. And we keep these loans current. The cohort default rate for HESC-guaranteed loans is 3.9 percent, which is lower than the 4.6 percent national default rate. To keep student loan default rates low, HESC conducts money management workshops for students on campus and also trains college financial aid professionals in the latest default-reduction techniques.

The chief executive of the agency is the president, who is appointed by the governor, with the consent of the state Senate. HESC is financially self-supporting as virtually all its budget is funded through sources associated with the federal guaranteed education loan program. HESC is governed by a board of trustees consisting of 15 members: 10 as appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; the others being the commissioner of education, the chancellor of the State University of New York, the chancellor of the City University of New York, and student association leaders from the State University and the City University.

Statistics regarding HESC's programs and activities are published in its annual report and are available at [www.hesc.org](http://www.hesc.org).

## Housing and Community Renewal, Division of

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The Division of Housing and Community Renewal is responsible for the supervision, maintenance, and development of affordable low- and moderate-income housing in New York State. The Division performs a number of activities in fulfillment of this mission, including:

- Housing Operations — Oversight and regulation of the State's public and publicly assisted rental housing;
- Community Development — Administration of housing development and community preservation programs, including State and Federal grants and loans to housing developers to partially finance construction or renovation of affordable housing; and
- Rent Administration — Administration of the rent regulation process for more than one million rent-regulated apartments in both New York City, and those localities in the counties of Albany, Erie, Nassau, Rockland, Schenectady, Rensselaer, and Westchester subject to rent laws.

### Publications:

Rent Administration Publications: Call the InfoLine 718-739-6400

Advisory Opinions

Fact Sheets

Operational Bulletins

Policy Statements

Rent Regulation Reform Act of 1997

Other Agency Publications: Call the DHCR Communications Unit 212-480-6732

### Housing Information Series Brochures

- Building Partnerships through the Neighborhood and Rural Preservation Programs
- Manufactured Home Park Tenants and Owners Information
- Rent Regulation Reform Act of 1997
- Statewide Section 8 Program
- Technical Assistance — Questions and Answers
- Weatherization Program — [En Español]

Action Plan Program Year 2007 — As Approved by HUD December 27, 2006

Action Plan Program Year 2008 — As Approved by HUD December 28, 2007

Action Plan Program Year 2008 — Discussion Draft

Capital Programs Manual

Consolidated Plan for 2006-2010 and the Annual Action Plan for 2006

Design Handbook

HOME Program Monitoring Guide for State Recipients and Subrecipients

Housing Programs of New York State 2008

Legal Documents Manual

Legislative Member Item Program Manual

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program for Special Needs Housing

Manufactured Home Program New York State Real Property Law Section 233

Mitchell-Lama Housing Companies — 2007 Annual Report

Neighborhood and Rural Preservation Programs 2007 Annual Report

Neighborhood Preservation Program, Rural Preservation Program — Program Manual

New York State Housing Report

Performance Report 2006 As Approved By HUD — June 22, 2007

Performance Report for Program Year 2007 as Published for Public Comment

Policy and Procedures for Certified Financial Reports (CFRs) — 2007

Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP)

Section 8 Administrative Plan

Statewide Affordable Housing Needs Study

State Supervised Middle Income Housing Development Lists for Families and Seniors

Weatherization State Plan — Program Year 2008

Weatherization Assistance Program — Policy and Procedures Manual

## Housing Finance Agency, New York State

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The New York State Housing Finance Agency (HFA) was created in 1960 by Article III of the Private Housing Finance Law and is a corporate governmental agency, constituting a public benefit corporation. The legislation creating the Agency determined the purpose thereof to be, in part, the providing of safe and sanitary housing accommodations, at rental rates that families and persons of low income can afford and that the ordinary operations of private enterprise cannot provide. To accomplish such purpose, the Agency issues its bonds and notes to the investing public in order to encourage the investment of private capital through the Agency in mortgage loans to housing companies and eligible borrowers that, subject to state or federal regulations as to rents, profits, dividends and disposition of their property, supply housing accommodations and other facilities incidental or appurtenant thereto to such families and persons.

The membership of the Agency consists of the Commissioner of Housing and Community Renewal, the Director of the Budget and the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance of the State of New York, and four additional members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor designates from among the members appointed a Chairman, who serves as such during his term as a member. The Chairman of the Agency is also the chairman of the State of New York Municipal Bond Bank Agency, the Tobacco Settlement Corporation, and the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation, and is currently also the Chairman of the State of New York Mortgage Agency. The members appointed by the Governor serve for the full or unexpired portions of six-year terms.

The Agency is authorized to issue bonds and notes to provide funds for the purpose of making mortgage loans to limited-profit housing companies, nonprofit housing companies, urban rental housing companies, owners of multi-family federally aided projects, owners of multi-family housing accommodations, nursing home companies, nonprofit hospital and medical corporations, community development corporations, community mental health services and community mental retardation services companies, nonprofit corporations authorized to provide youth facilities projects, and community senior citizens centers and services companies; for the purpose of making loans to lending institutions to finance mortgage loans for multi-family housing accommodations; for the purpose of making equity loans to mutual housing companies and certain other corporations, organized in accordance with the provisions of the Private Housing Finance Law; for the purpose of financing health facilities for municipalities constituting social service districts; and making payments to certain public benefit corporations of the state to provide funds to repay the state for amounts advanced to finance the cost of various housing assistance programs administered by such public benefit corporations. The Agency is also authorized to issue bonds and notes to provide funds for the purpose of making mortgage loans to projects combining nonprofit housing and health facilities.

## Human Rights, Division of

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New York has the proud distinction of being the first state in the nation to enact a Human Rights Law, which insures that “every individual shall have an equal opportunity to participate fully in the economic, cultural and intellectual life of the state,” by “eliminat[ing] and prevent[ing] discrimination in employment, in places of public accommodation, resort or amusement, in educational institutional, in public services, in housing accommodations, in commercial space and in credit transactions . . . .”

The New York State Division of Human Rights (“Division”) was created to enforce — and does enforce — this important law, which prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, credit, places of public accommodation, and nonsectarian educational institutions based on age, race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, military status, and other specified classes.

In January 2007, the Division adopted an aggressive strategy to achieve its mission to attack discrimination in the areas covered by the Law, which includes the following:

- The vigorous prosecution of unlawful discriminatory practices through Division-Initiated Investigations and Complaints;
- The efficient and effective investigation and adjudication of individual complaints of discrimination filed with the Division; and
- The development of policies and legislation that advance civil rights for New Yorkers.

The Division operates through its main office in New York City and nine regional offices across the State. In 2007-08, the Division had a workforce of approximately 200 full-time employees, which included administrative law judges, lawyers, investigators, regional directors, support staff, and other staff.

## Insurance Department

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The Insurance Department supervises and monitors the financial condition and market conduct of insurers. The Department has responsibility for approving corporate formations, mergers, and consolidations of insuring organizations; licensing insurance agents, brokers, adjusters, consultants, and reinsurance intermediaries; and disciplining licensees that violate the Insurance Law. The Department regulates premium rates and policy forms and provisions; services complaints and inquiries from consumers; administers the affairs of companies that are placed in liquidation or rehabilitation; and investigates insurance fraud.

### Statistical Series:

Assets, Liabilities, Income, Disbursements, Premiums and Claims Losses-Property/Casualty Companies; Life Companies; Accident and Health Companies; Health Service and Medical and Dental Indemnity Corporations; Title Companies; Mortgage Guaranty Companies; and Financial Guaranty Companies.

Frequency: Annually  
Area Covered: New York State  
Publications: Statistical Tables from Annual Statements. Selected data are also available in the Annual Report of the Superintendent to the Legislature.

Operating Statistics (e.g., Revenues and Disbursements), Legislative Review, New Regulations, Rate and Policy Form Filings, Liquidation Bureau Activities, Summary of Activities.  
Frequency: Annually  
Area Covered: New York State  
Publication: Annual Report of the Superintendent

#### **Other Publications:**

Consumer Brochures: Life Insurance, Health Insurance (including a complaint ranking), Long-term Care Insurance, Health Maintenance Organizations, Auto Insurance (including a complaint ranking), Medicare Supplement Insurance, Homeowners and Tenants Insurance, and guides for small business owners.

## **Labor, Department of**

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Under the direction of Governor David A. Paterson, the New York State Department of Labor supports the economic interests of the people and businesses in New York State. The department connects people to jobs, assists the unemployed, oversees the development of workplace skills, and protects the public and the workforce.

In carrying out its mission, the department administers New York's unemployment insurance system, labor exchange system, and state worker protection programs, including enforcement of safety and health regulations in the public sector, state labor laws and federal statutes related to working conditions, wages and hours, and laws related to Public Work. The department also serves as the State's principal source for labor market information and offers a variety of services designed to help businesses find workers and people find jobs.

The department's Division of Employment and Workforce Solutions (DEWS) has offices located across the State. The offices offer employment-related services, including career counseling and testing, occupational analysis, job development and placement, government-sponsored training programs, and computerized job search resources.

The Department of Labor is charged with overseeing the implementation of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998. The act streamlines the large number of training programs New York State offers. It encourages economic development by enhancing New York's competitiveness through a more highly skilled workforce and creating a business-driven workforce preparation system to ensure workers possess the skills employers demand.

The department cooperates with schools, businesses, and unions to sponsor a number of training programs for disadvantaged youth and displaced workers. The department has established a number of apprenticeship programs that not only help to produce a highly trained workforce but also help to expand opportunities for women and minorities to move into well-paying jobs.

The department administers the state's unemployment insurance program, sending benefits to as many as several hundred thousand claimants each week. The department collects taxes from approximately 475,000 businesses to finance these benefits.

The Labor Department is in charge of enforcement of State Labor Law and rules and regulations. The department's Apparel Industry Task Force combats abuses in the garment industry. Labor Department staff also enforces regulations governing minimum wage, hours, payment of wages, working conditions, and the general health and safety of all public employees. This includes the funding of safety and health training and education programs.

The department has a web site on the Internet that provides information about the activities of the department, including information for employers, jobseekers, unemployment insurance claimants, and other users of labor market information. The web site can be accessed on the Internet or at the following address — [www.labor.state.ny.us](http://www.labor.state.ny.us)

The department's Division of Research and Statistics collects, analyzes, and publishes statistics on department operations, and conducts research on and evaluates program proposals and operating programs. It also publishes a wide variety of statistical and analytical information, and publications relating to the economy of the state and its regions. This information includes data on: occupational and industry wages, resident employment and unemployment, employment trends by industry, population characteristics, occupational injuries and illnesses, occupational employment and projections, and data for affirmative action planning. The division also provides online lists of demand occupations, job seeker resources, CareerZone (a career exploration tool), and JobZone (a career management tool). The web site also lists contact information for the division's 10 labor market analysts around the State who are available for consultation.

#### **Statistical Series:**

Employees in Nonagricultural Establishments: Estimates of the number of nonfarm wage and salary workers who received pay for any part of the payroll period covering the 12th day of the month (data based on payroll reports).

Frequency: Monthly

Areas covered: New York State, New York City, metropolitan areas, and counties.

Published: 1990 to present

Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages: Employment and payrolls covered under the New York State Unemployment Insurance Law. The employment count represents the number of full-time and part-time employees earning wages or salaries for the payroll period covering the 12th day of the month.

Frequency: Annually

Areas covered: New York State, New York City, metropolitan areas, and counties.

Civilian Labor Force: Estimates of resident civilian labor force, employed, unemployed, and the unemployment rate.

Frequency: Monthly

Areas covered: New York State, New York City, metropolitan areas, all counties and areas of 25,000 or more population.

Published: 1976 to present (State and New York City); 1990 to present (Counties, upstate metropolitan areas, and areas of 25,000 or more population).

Occupational Injuries and Illnesses: Estimates of the number and rate of workplace injuries and illnesses. The survey publishes work-related injury and illness statistics for both the public and private sectors of New York State.

Frequency: Annually

Areas covered: New York State.

Occupational Employment Statistics: Estimates occupational wage rates and employment levels for wage and salary workers in non-farm establishments. Data are based on a survey of approximately 57,000 establishments conducted over a period of 3 years.

Frequency: Annually

Areas covered: New York State and Labor Market Regions defined by the New York State Department of Labor.

For additional data/publications visit our web site at [www.labor.state.ny.us](http://www.labor.state.ny.us).

## Law, Department of

See: Attorney General, New York State Office of the

## Liquor Authority, State

See: Alcoholic Beverage Control, Division of

## Lottery, Division of

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Building upon seven consecutive years of growth, the New York lottery achieved another record-setting year in fiscal year 2007-08 for its sole mission to earn revenue for education. The Lottery contributed nearly \$2.6 billion to help support education in New York State on incoming revenues of \$7.549 billion — a profit margin of 34 percent.

This \$2.6 billion Lottery Aid-To-Education funding represents over 13 percent of total state aid to local school districts, which was \$19.65 billion in 2007-08.

The New York Lottery continues to be North America's largest and most profitable Lottery, earning over \$34.2 billion in education support statewide since its founding over 40 years ago.

### New York Lottery sales at a glance:

- 96 percent of the \$7.5 billion in sales paid out in prizes, aid-to-education, and retailer commissions.
- \$2.6 billion earned for education, representing 34 percent of total sales.
- 5 percent increase in total sales from fiscal year 2006-07.
- \$401 million in commissions to over 16,000 Lottery retailers.
- \$307 million in commissions to video gaming facilities.
- 4 percent of total sales funded operating costs.

The State Education Department distributes revenue earned by the Lottery for education based on a statutory formula.

## Medical Care Facilities Finance Agency

Merged into the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York effective September 1, 1995.

## Mental Health, Office of

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The Office of Mental Health is charged with carrying out mandates of the State's Mental Hygiene Law and has overall responsibility for developing plans, programs, and services in the care, treatment, rehabilitation, education, and training of the mentally ill.

Its responsibility is two tiered — it directly provides services and also controls the allocation of funds to and the certification of the non-State-operated mental health programs. It provides direct services at nineteen adult, six children's, and three forensic psychiatric centers and also operates two research institutes.

It allocates State-appropriated funds to local governments and issues operating certificates to provider agencies that meet required standards.

The Office maintains a large database computer system for the facilities it operates. Individual patient-specific information is entered online at the facilities and transmitted to the Central Office mainframe. These resultant data files are maintained at the Central Office and are used for billing, planning, statistical, and management activities.

In addition, the Office maintains smaller data systems, which provide information on certified beds, staffing and budget allocations.

### Statistical Series:

#### PATIENTS SERVED

Persons seen during a one-week period in all programs operated, certified, and/or funded by the Office of Mental Health (e.g., State psychiatric centers, outpatient clinics, inpatient units of general hospitals, partial hospitalization programs, day training centers, vocational and social rehabilitation programs, community mental health centers, and others). Details on persons seen include: number of visits to each program, by facility/unit; county of residence; county of unit locations; age; sex; ethnic group; source of referral; prior service; diagnosis; multiple disabilities; disposition upon termination; and other variables. In: Survey of Patient Characteristics, Summary Reports, County Rankings and Detailed Reports. Computer tapes are available to interested persons upon request.

Area covered: State, regions and counties

Survey years: 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, and 2005.

## Mental Hygiene, Department of

See: Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, Office of; Mental Health, Office of; Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, Office of

## Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, Office of

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The New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) became an independent agency when legislation reorganizing the Department of Mental Hygiene became effective on April 1, 1978.

OMRDD's mission is to help people with developmental disabilities live richer lives.

OMRDD's vision is to ensure that people with developmental disabilities:

- enjoy meaningful relationships with friends, family, and others in their lives;
- experience personal health and growth;
- live in the home of their choice; and
- fully participate in their communities.

OMRDD operates 14 Developmental Disabilities Services Offices (DDSOs) responsible for providing services in support of its mission. The offices provide person-centered assistance to each individual with developmental disabilities as requested by that person or by his or her family. In partnership with individuals with developmental disabilities, families, nonprofit providers, and local governments, these offices seek to enrich people's lives by providing high quality person-centered services that focus on outcomes that meet each person's individual needs.

## **Mentally Disabled, Commission on Quality of Care for the**

See: Quality of Care for Persons with Disabilities, Commission on

## **Metropolitan Transportation Authority**

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The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is a public-benefit corporation for the continuance, further development, and improvement of public transportation in the five boroughs of New York City, seven suburban counties in New York State (Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester) and extending into Fairfield and New Haven counties in Connecticut.

In 1965, the State Legislature created the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Authority to operate the Long Island Rail Road. The authority was renamed the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) in 1968, with its powers expanded to include the New York City Transit Authority, the Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority (MaBSTOA), and the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority. In succeeding years, the Staten Island Rapid Transit Operating Authority (1971), Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority (1973), and Metro-North Commuter Railroad (1983) also came under the MTA's aegis. In 2003, the MTA created the MTA Capital Construction Company to manage its

large-scale system expansion projects. In 2004, it created the MTA Bus Company to consolidate the operations of seven private bus companies operating under franchises issued by the New York City Department of Transportation.

In 1994, the MTA launched a service identity program and changed the popular names of most of its operating agencies to more clearly reflect the interconnectedness of the MTA network. The agencies use the following popular names: MTA New York City Transit, MTA Long Island Rail Road, MTA Long Island Bus, MTA Metro-North Railroad, MTA Bridges and Tunnels, MTA Capital Construction, and MTA Bus.

MTA headquarters provides policy direction and financing to its operating agencies for the development of operating and capital programs and for maximizing the use of MTA transportation services and facilities. Operating agencies carry out daily operations on the various transportation systems. The State of New York provides operating assistance to the MTA through mass transportation assistance programs administered by the Department of Transportation. Subsidies from the federal and local governments also provide operating support. In the past decade, the MTA has had unprecedented ridership growth. It provides more than 8 million rides each weekday, accounting for one-third of all transit ridership in the United States.

Capital funding is provided through government appropriations and through the issuance of MTA debt securities. Since 1982, the MTA has been carrying out an enormous capital program, restoring and replacing its vast transit network. By the end of 2007 \$64 billion has been invested for this purpose, enabling the authority to continue providing safe, secure, and reliable public transportation to its service region.

The capital program has funded improvements in all MTA operations. In New York City, these included upgraded tracks and signals; modernized subway stations; new and renovated bus depots; new and overhauled subway cars and buses; and security programs for trains, subways, and yards. For commuter railways, the capital program has funded new rail cars and locomotives; the restoration of Grand Central Terminal and renovation of Penn Station; improvements to stations, yards, tunnels, and signals; new repair and maintenance facilities; and electrification of lines.

The MTA's technological innovations, MetroCard®, and E-ZPass® revolutionized fare and toll payment on subways, buses, bridges, and tunnels. MetroCard automated fare collection paved the way for free transfers between subways and buses, multiride bonuses, and weekly, monthly, and daily transit passes. E-ZPass electronic toll collection has transformed regional highway travel, decreasing traffic congestion, reducing pollution, and speeding the commute of thousands of daily MTA customers.

### **Statistical Series:**

Capital Program Oversight Committee Report: Monitors such capital program activities as: funding; contract awards; impact on operating budget; and project progress. Required by 1986 State legislation, this report is sent to members of the Municipal Assistance Corporation, Capital Program Review Board, MTA Board, and other interested parties.

Frequency: Quarterly

Areas covered: New York City and the suburban counties

MTA Annual Report: Reports on MTA-wide issues, including the progress of the capital program, and on the operating performance of each MTA agency. Includes complete audited financial statements.

Frequency: Annually

Areas covered: New York City and the suburban counties

Progress Report to Investors: Provides investors, MTA bond-holders, and the financial community with timely, comprehensive information on the operations and finances of the MTA. Includes yearly financial highlights, reports on bond issuance, and detailed credit summaries.

Frequency: Annually

Areas covered: New York City and the suburban counties

Report to the MTA Finance Committee: Reports on financial performance, service, and operating performance for each MTA agency. Included are revenues, expenditures, operating statistics, and such performance indicators as on-time statistics and frequency of breakdowns. Also reports on the progress of MTA's capital program for MTA NYC Transit, MTA Metro-North Railroad, MTA Long Island Rail Road, MTA Bridges and Tunnels, and MTA Capital Construction. Included are specific contracts signed, costs for each project, category of work, expected start and completion dates, reasons for delays, projects completed, and major highlights.

Frequency: Monthly

Areas covered: New York City and the suburban counties

Passenger Environment Surveys: The MTA operating agencies perform periodic surveys of its environment and its passengers.

Frequency: Various

Areas covered: New York City and the suburban counties

## Metropolitan Transportation Council, New York

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The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) provides a collaborative planning forum to address transportation-related issues from a regional perspective. NYMTC is an association of governments, transportation providers, and environmental agencies that is the metropolitan planning organization for New York City, Long Island, and the lower Hudson Valley. The NYMTC region encompasses an area of 2,440 square miles and a population of 11.3 million, approximately 65 percent of New York State's population.

### Mission:

- To serve as the collaborative forum to address transportation-related issues from a regional perspective;
- To facilitate informed decision-making within the Council by providing sound technical analyses;
- To ensure the region is positioned to capture the maximum federal funds available to achieve the goals of the Unified Planning Work Program, Regional Transportation Plan, and Transportation Improvement Program; and
- To focus the collective planning activities of all Council members to achieve a shared regional vision.

### Voting Members:

- Astrid C. Glynn, NYMTC Permanent Co-Chair and Commissioner, New York State Department of Transportation
- Andrew J. Spano, NYMTC Co-Chair and Westchester County Executive
- Amanda Burden, Director, New York City Department of City Planning
- Janette Sadik-Khan, Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation
- Elliot Sander, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan Transportation Authority

- Thomas R. Suozzi, Nassau County Executive
- Robert J. Bondi, Putnam County Executive
- C. Scott Vanderhoef, Rockland County Executive
- Steve Levy, Suffolk County Executive
- Andrew J. Spano, Westchester County Executive

### Advisory Members:

- Robert Arnold, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration
- Brigid Hynes-Cherin, Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration
- Richard R. Sarles, Executive Director, New Jersey Transit
- Alexander B. Grannis, Commissioner, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- Joel S. Weiner, Executive Director, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc.
- Anthony Shorris, Executive Director, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
- Alan J. Steinberg, Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

### Statistical Series:

Hub-Bound Travel: Persons and vehicles entering and leaving Manhattan's Central Business District, by travel mode and time of day, on an average business day.

Frequency: Annually

Areas covered: Manhattan Central Business District (south of 60th Street)

Published: 1956, 1960, 1963, 1971, 1973-2004

Regional Transportation Statistical Report: Demographic and transportation statistics, including operational and financial data by mode; social and economic statistics; and safety statistics.

Frequency: Annually

Areas covered: New York metropolitan area, including New Jersey and Connecticut

Published: 1983, 1986-1988, 1991-2004

Transportation Safety Report: Addresses transportation safety issues and transportation accident statistics.

Frequency: Annually

Area covered: The 10-county downstate metropolitan area

Published: 1997-98, 2000-04

Truck Toll Volumes Report: An analysis of truck trips on toll crossings data, emphasizing the importance of freight transportation in the region's overall economic development.

Frequency: Annually

Area covered: The New York metropolitan region

Published: 1978-2005

Travel Patterns: An indication of the major changes in mass transit ridership and vehicular traffic on the river crossings in the New York metropolitan area, following the events of September 11, 2001.

Frequency: Quarterly

Area covered: The New York metropolitan region

Published: 2002 to present

### Other Publications

#### PLANNING PRODUCTS

2005-2030 Regional Transportation Plan: The plan includes the transportation concepts and studies for the region, uses socioeconomic forecasts and demographic trends to identify transportation needs, and establishes a regional framework for future improvements and investments.

2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program: The TIP implements the first five years of the Plan, and includes funding for roads, bridges, transit systems, bikeways, and pedestrian facilities.

2007-2008 Unified Planning Work Program: Outlines the planning priorities facing the metropolitan area and describes all transportation and transportation-related air quality planning activities anticipated within the next one to two years.

2007 Transportation Conformity Determination: This demonstrates that NYMTC's transportation plans conform to the state's air-quality "budgets" that sets limits for motor vehicle emissions.

2005 Environmental Justice Assessment: This examines the transportation planning process in the context of the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination in connection with programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance, and the Federal Executive Order on Environmental Justice, which offers guidance on achieving environmental justice by identifying and addressing health and environmental issues that adversely affect minority and low-income populations disproportionately.

2005 Consistency Assessment with New York State's Energy Plan: A review of NYMTC's transportation plan and programs to ensure alignment with the state's Energy Plan, specifically in terms of objectives for increasing energy-efficiency and reducing greenhouse gases.

2005 Congestion Management Process Report: This comprehensive analysis of congestion in the NYMTC region is broken down by county.

## Military and Naval Affairs, Division of

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The Division of Military and Naval Affairs is responsible for the militia forces of New York State. This authority is derived through the Military Law and the Executive Law of New York State.

State militia forces are comprised of the New York Army National Guard, New York Air National Guard, New York Naval Militia, and the New York Guard. The Army and Air National Guard and Naval Militia are reserve components of the Federal military service and have a dual Federal/State obligation. The New York Guard is a volunteer reserve land force with responsibility only to the State of New York. Its mission is to provide a reserve force capable of replacing and assuming the State mission of Army National Guard units activated into Federal service and to be available for call-up by the Governor in cases of State emergencies.

### Goals/Objectives:

- Federal: The New York Army and Air National Guard are subject to mobilization by the President of the United States. The Federal mission is to provide a trained force to perform Federal duties as required.
- State: At the direction of the Governor, the militia forces of New York are available to assist both State and local civil authorities during natural disaster or emergency situations that threaten the lives or property of citizens.

The Division of Military and Naval Affairs is responsible for providing the administrative, training, housing, and logistical support necessary to increase the proficiency and readiness of New York Military Forces.

## Mortgage Agency, State of New York

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The State of New York Mortgage Agency's (SONYMA) programs are designed to assist first time home buyers of owner-occupied, one-to-four unit residences that are required to meet eligibility criteria established by the Agency, which criteria are required by applicable Federal law. SONYMA's primary home ownership program is the Low Interest Rate Mortgage Program. Using the proceeds of tax exempt mortgage revenue bonds, the Low Interest Rate Mortgage Program offers below market interest rate mortgage loans to low and moderate income households who must be first time home buyers except in target areas. In addition, SONYMA from time to time operates special home ownership programs. These programs currently include the Achieving the Dream Program, the Constructive Incentive Program, the Remodel New York Program, the Homes for Veterans Program and the recently launched Keep the Dream Program. The Achieving the Dream Program provides very low interest rates to low income first time home buyers. The Construction Incentive Program allows qualified buyers to obtain up to 100 percent financing for the purchase of newly constructed one and two family homes. The Remodel New York program allows for the borrower to finance the cost of acquisition and renovation in one low rate loan. The Homes for Veterans program allows qualified US military veterans to apply for any currently available SONYMA program, but with more favorable terms. The Keep the Dream is expected to provide refinancing mortgages to borrowers facing a hardship because of an interest rate reset on their current mortgages.

The Agency's Mortgage Insurance Fund Division (MIF) provides primary mortgage insurance when the property that is the security for the loan (a) is in an area suffering from disinvestment; (b) is located within a designated economic development zone; (c) will result in the production of affordable housing; (d) will be financed by a public lender and meets that lenders criteria; or (e) will provide a retail or community service facility that would not otherwise be provided. In addition, in 1989, the MIF was authorized to write pool insurance on pools of (a) single family loans financed by SONYMA's Single Family Division; (b) loans made by certain domestic not-for-profit corporations; or (c) loans made by a financial institution to a cooperative housing corporation where refinancing is not otherwise available and will facilitate or accommodate affordable home ownership opportunities. In addition, in December of 2004, the MIF was authorized to enter into agreements to provide credit support for bonds and ancillary bond facilities issued by the Convention Center Development Corporation, a subsidiary of the New York State Urban Development Corporation. The yearly amount of credit support that can be provided by the MIF is limited by statute.

Membership consists of nine directors as follows: the Comptroller or a director appointed by the Comptroller who will serve until a successor is appointed, the Director of the Budget, the Commissioner of Housing and Community Renewal, one director appointed by the Temporary President of the Senate, one director appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, and four directors appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. From the four directors appointed by him, the Governor designates the chairperson of the Agency. The directors appointed by the Temporary President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly serve at the pleasure of the Temporary President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly, respectively. A majority of the

directors then in office constitutes a quorum for the transaction of any business or the exercise of any power or function of the Agency. Directors do not receive a salary but are reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses. Annual reports to the Governor, Chairperson of the Senate Finance Committee, Chairperson of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, Comptroller, and Director of the Budget are required.

## Motor Vehicles, Department of

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The major objective of the Department of Motor Vehicles is to develop and administer an effective highway safety program in New York State with emphasis on driver and vehicle safety.

The Department maintains an extensive program of recording, reporting and analyzing motor vehicle accidents occurring in the State. Excluded are property-damage-only accidents involving \$1,000 or less damage to any one person, effective August 1, 1991. Previously the limits were:

\$600 (9/85-8/91)  
\$400 (9/78-9/85)  
\$200 (1/70-9/78)  
\$150 (1/65-1/70)

Accident data summaries are published annually and are available statewide and by geographic area. These data are extensively used for evaluating safety aspects of programs of the State, by and of the Department, other State agencies, local governments and the traffic safety community.

The Department is also responsible for: registration and titling of resident motor vehicles; registration of snowmobiles and motorboats; examination and licensing of motor vehicle operators; control and remedial training of operators evidencing poor driving performance; inspection and evaluation of the safety condition of motor vehicles; regulation of vehicle and driver related businesses; collection and analysis of motor vehicle conviction information; and management of the compulsory financial security program. Each of these functions has a contributory role in the Department's larger responsibility for promoting traffic accident prevention in the State.

### Statistical Series:

**Motor Vehicle Accidents:** Data are aggregated and categorized by a number of variables including date, severity, location, driver characteristics, driving environment characteristics, vehicle type, etc. In: Summary of Motor Vehicle Accidents (MV-144A)  
Frequency: Monthly, Semiannually, Annually  
Areas covered: New York State, counties and minor civil divisions (annual only)  
Published: 1962 to present

**Motor Vehicle Drivers' Licenses:** Number of licenses and fees collected, by type of license. In: Motor Vehicle Registrations, Licenses and Fees Collected (MV-213)  
Frequency: Annually  
Areas covered: Counties of New York State  
Published: 1921 to present

**Motor Vehicle Registrations:** Number of vehicles and fees received, tabulated by type of vehicle registration and county of residence. In: Motor Vehicle Registrations, Licenses and Fees Collected (MV-213)  
Frequency: Annually  
Areas covered: Counties of New York State  
Published: 1921 to present

**Motor Vehicle Statistics:** Comprehensive compilation of accident, conviction, registration and license data.  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1975 to present

## Municipal Bond Bank Agency, New York State

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New York State Municipal Bond Bank Agency (MBBA) was created in 1972 pursuant to Article 8 of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York, as amended. Its purpose is, in part, to foster and promote the provision of adequate capital markets for, and to facilitate borrowings by, the State's municipalities for their public improvements or purposes; to assist those municipalities in fulfilling their needs for improvements by the creation of indebtedness; and further, to encourage continued investor interest in the purchase of bonds or notes of municipalities as sound and preferred securities for investment. In Chapter 203 of the Laws of 2000, a municipal tax lien securitization program was authorized. The program involves the issuance of obligations by MBBA (or an entity created by MBBA) to facilitate the purchase of delinquent tax liens from municipalities in the State of New York. In legislation enacted in 2002, MBBA was authorized to issue school deficit program bonds for the enlarged city school district of the City of Troy. The same legislation permits MBBA to issue special school purpose bonds on behalf of certain special school purpose municipalities that have prior year claims due and payable to them under certain provisions of the State Education law.

The membership of MBBA consists of the State Comptroller (or a director appointed by the Comptroller), the Secretary of State, the Director of the Budget, the Chairman of the New York State Housing Finance Agency, and three additional directors appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, at least one of whom must be an elected official of a municipality. The directors appointed by the Governor serve for the full or unexpired positions of four year terms. MBBA generates an annual report which is sent to the Governor, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, the Comptroller, and the Director of the Budget.

## New York Independent System Operator

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The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) is a not-for-profit corporation regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The NYISO's primary responsibilities are reliable operation of New York's bulk electricity grid, fair and open administration of the Empire State's competitive wholesale electricity markets, and comprehensive reliability planning for the state's power system.

The NYISO, which began operating in 1999, has an independent Board of Directors and employs a collaborative form of shared governance, enabling representatives of stakeholder groups to discuss, debate, and vote on issues directly affecting the NYISO's operations, reliability, and markets. The 10-member Board of Directors includes individuals with experience in energy, the environment, finance, academia, technology, and communications. All Board members and staff are required to be independent from the interests of Market Participants as part of a rigorous NYISO code of conduct.

Market Participants committees include the Management Committee, the Operating Committee, and the Business Issues Committee. Their membership consists of representatives from five major market sectors: Transmission Owners, Generation Owners, Other Suppliers, End-Use Consumers, and Public Power and Environmental Parties.

The NYISO impartially balances the electricity needs of New York consumers with an equal supply of megawatts from available generation and other resources in the most economic manner and consistent with grid reliability. Utilities own and operate the nearly 11,000 miles of bulk electricity transmission lines that comprise the state's bulk electricity grid. The NYISO controls and coordinates power flow in accordance with the federal policy of open and equal access to the grid on a nondiscriminatory basis.

There have been over \$60 billion in market transactions since the NYISO's inception. As market administrator, the NYISO conducts a continuous series of auctions in which the companies serving retail customers bid to purchase electric energy, and suppliers offer to sell it. Similarly, the NYISO administers markets for reserves needed to maintain service reliability and other "ancillary" services.

The NYISO is one of 10 Independent System Operators and Regional Transmission Organizations (ISO/RTOs) in North America. They serve two-thirds of electricity consumers in the United States and more than one-half of Canada's population.

## New York Power Pool

See: New York Independent System Operator

## New York State Association of REALTORS® Inc.

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The New York State Association of REALTORS® is a not-for-profit trade organization representing more than 61,000 of New York State's real estate professionals. The association provides a variety of benefits including legislative and legal representation, educational programs, publications such as *New York State REALTOR®*

and a code of professional standards. The term REALTOR® is a registered trademark, which identifies real estate professionals who subscribe to a strict code of ethics as members of the National Association of REALTORS®. These REALTORS® are also members of the New York State Association of REALTORS® as well as their local board or association of REALTORS®.

The New York State Association of REALTORS® (NYSAR) was founded in 1905 as the Real Estate Association of New York State, and for a time was better known as the New York State Association of Real Estate Boards.

Throughout its history, NYSAR has remained consistent in its purpose, yet has progressed and matured with the times. The goal is to assist the association's members in conducting their business successfully and ethically, while promoting the preservation of the right to own, transfer and use real property.

## Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority

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Created by an Act of the New York State Legislature in 1967, the NFTA is a multipurpose authority charged with responsibility for developing air and surface transportation in Erie and Niagara Counties, and with the further objective of formulating and putting into effect a unified mass transportation policy for Erie and Niagara Counties. The Authority owns and operates the Buffalo Niagara International Airport, Niagara Falls International Airport, Metropolitan Transportation Center in Buffalo, and the Niagara Falls Transportation Center and the Niagara Frontier Transit Metro System, Inc. in Erie and Niagara Counties.

## Olympic Regional Development Authority

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The Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) was created in 1982 as a public benefit corporation with the mandate to manage, maintain, promote, and upgrade the facilities that were utilized for the 1980 Olympic Winter Games.

ORDA constructed the United States Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid. It also sponsors numerous athletic and cultural events that bring world class athletes to the area, which is becoming a notable year-round resort.

Under the management of ORDA are:

- The Olympic Center, the world's largest ice center with four refrigerated surfaces under one roof;

- State-owned ski center facilities on Whiteface Mountain and Gore Mountain in the Adirondacks;
- The Olympic Ski Jumping Complex, a multifaceted site for ski jumping, freestyle aerial skiing (with plastic matting for summer and fall jumping), and a freestyle pool containing 750,000 gallons of water for summer training;
- The Olympic Speed Skating Oval, which is a 400-meter refrigerated surface;
- The Olympic Sports Complex includes a combined bobsled/luge and skeleton track, which opened in January 2000, 50 kilometers of cross-country ski trails, and a biathlon range, as well as snowshoeing and mountain biking; and
- The 1932 and 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympic Museum located at the Olympic Center.

Beyond management of events and initiation of programs such as Sports Development to promote education and participation in Olympic sports, the Authority has significantly expanded and improved the facilities, investing over \$70 million. In addition, with the support of the State of New York, the Authority constructed the \$16 million U.S. Olympic Training Center at Lake Placid, one of three in the country.

The Authority is also a major promoter of tourism in the Adirondack Region of Upstate New York. From figure skating shows and concerts at the Olympic Center to world competitions in winter sports, the Authority has allowed Lake Placid to proudly carry the banner of the "Winter Sports Capital of the World." Its most recent economic survey revealed that ORDA generates \$356 million in statewide activity each year.

The Authority hosted the Winter Goodwill Games in Lake Placid on February 16-20, 2000. The Goodwill Games were founded in 1986 by Ted Turner as the result of a vision of international goodwill through world-class competition.

The Authority has also partnered with ESPN for the 2000 ESPN Great Outdoor Games. The two entities collaborated on this event once again on July 12-15, 2001, and did so again in July 2002.

In the future, ORDA will host the 2009 World Championships in bobsled, skeleton, and luge. Each winter, the Authority plays host to numerous World Cup events and Olympic qualifiers in the winter sports. In 2008, the NCAA Men's Division III Ice Hockey Championships will be hosted in Lake Placid. In 2007, the NCAA Women's Division I Ice Hockey Championship was hosted there.

## Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Office of

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The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is responsible for, as of April 2007, a statewide system of 178 State Parks and 36 State historic sites and parks, 28 golf courses, 76 beaches, 27 marinas, and more than 8,300 campsites and cabins. In addition, OPRHP oversees three major performing arts centers pro-

viding a diversity of popular entertainment. Historic site programs interpret colonial life and highlight the state's military heritage for today's generations. State Parks' 18 nature centers and their related activities reveal the secrets of the natural environment to thousands of school children and outdoor enthusiasts each year.

Additionally, OPRHP administers the Empire State Summer and Winter Games, the Senior Games, Games for the Physically Challenged, the Heritage Areas program, State and Federal Grant programs for recreational development, historic preservation, and cultural enrichment, as well as boating and snowmobile safety and education programs.

The major planning document of the Office is the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, which outlines major program areas and projects future use and facility needs. OPRHP maintains: (1) revenue and attendance records for State parks and historic sites; (2) inventories of public and private recreation facilities as well as properties listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places; (3) estimates of recreational participation by activity; and (4) a statewide inventory of public and private historic, architectural and archaeological resources.

### Statistical Series:

Marine and Recreational Vehicles, including Snowmobiles: Data on accidents, arrests, fines, and forfeitures; information on rules and regulations.

Frequency: Annually

Area covered: New York State

Published: 1960 to present (Navigation);

1971 to present (Snowmobiles)

State Park Attendance: Attendance and revenues derived from State park and historic facilities by individual park or site.

Frequency: Annually

Area covered: New York State

Published: 1994 to present (annual attendance)

2003 Snowmobiler Owners Survey: Results of a mail survey, responded to by over 1,300 snowmobile owners registered in New York State. The report covers demographics, travel patterns, expenditures, concerns, etc.

### Other Publications:

Historic Sites: Inventory of selected sites including all sites on the National Register.

Area covered: New York State

Published: 1970 to present

Recreation Facility Inventory: Public and private facilities — size and activities offered. Detailed analysis tables and inventory listings.

Area covered: New York State by county

Available for current year

New York Statewide Trails Plan: Analysis and inventory of trail resources and linear recreation systems. Descriptions of existing trail and greenway planning initiatives, trail issues, and needs.

Published: June 1994

Empire State Trails: Provides general information about a small sample of the numerous trail opportunities in New York State. This publication's primary focus is on New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and Department of Environmental Conservation trails. Major statewide trail systems are also described.

Published: 2001

Open Space Conservation Plan: This plan is developed by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Department

of State. The Open Space Plan provides guidance in the conservation of open space areas throughout the state. It provides a listing of priority projects that were developed with the assistance of the Regional Advisory Committees and functions as the acquisition plan required for the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP).

Published: November 2006

The following publications are fully downloadable from the agency web site: [www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com):

Handbook on the Alienation of Municipal Parkland, published April 2005

Biodiversity in New York's State Parks — Summary of Findings, published June 2005

The Preservationist, published biannually

## Parole, Division of

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The Division is responsible for the community supervision of offenders released from prison by action of the Parole Board or by conditional release as mandated by the Legislature. The Division publishes summary annual statistical studies on social and legal characteristics of offenders under its jurisdiction, movement of parolee populations, Parole Board hearings and dispositions, and parolee delinquency rates.

Pursuant to Article 12-B of the New York State Executive Law, the Division of Parole was created as a State agency in the Executive Department on January 1, 1978. From January 1, 1971, to December 31, 1977, Parole was part of the State's Department of Correctional Services.

### Statistical Series:

Follow-up of Parolees: Summarized movement statistics; characteristics of parolees; and delinquency rates.

In: Annual Statistical Report  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1969 to present

Parolee Characteristics: Data on characteristics such as age, ethnicity, and crime of conviction.

In: Annual Statistical Report  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1934 to present

Summary Parole Data: Statistics on inmate releases to parole, parole discharges, and parolee characteristics.

In: Annual Statistical Report  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1934 to present

### Other Publications:

Annual Report to the Legislature on Shock Supervision in New York State: Annual update on the progress of this innovative supervision initiative for participants in this program of rigorous physical activity, intensive regimentation and drug rehabilitation.

Annual Report to the Legislature on the Medical Parole Program: Annual update on all inmates who have been granted or considered for early release from prison pursuant to the New York State Medical Parole Law.

Questions and Answers Concerning Parole and Supervision: This publication provides answers to an extensive series of common questions about parole in an easily accessible question and answer format.

## The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

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On April 30, 1921, The Port of New York Authority was established to administer the common harbor interests of New York and New Jersey. The first of its kind in the Western Hemisphere, the organization was created under a clause of the Constitution permitting Compacts between states, with Congressional consent. An area of jurisdiction called the "Port District," a bistate region of about 1,500 square miles centered on the Statue of Liberty, was established. In 1972, the organization's name was changed to The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to more accurately identify its role as a bistate agency.

### MISSION

To identify and meet the critical transportation and infrastructure needs of the bistate region's businesses, residents, and visitors: Providing the highest quality, most efficient transportation and port commerce facilities and services that move people and goods within the region, providing access to the rest of the nation and to the world, while strengthening the economic competitiveness of the New York/New Jersey metropolitan region.

### PURVIEW

The Port Authority is authorized to plan, develop, and operate terminals and other facilities of transportation, economic development, and world trade, and to protect and promote commerce in the Port District.

It achieves its mission by managing a network of aviation, transportation infrastructure, and seaport facilities, and partnering with public and private sector entities in regional economic development projects. The Port Authority's airports, bistate crossings, maritime ports, and other facilities — and the industries they support — created more than 500,000 jobs and \$65 billion in wages and salaries in New York and New Jersey. Over the course of its history, the Port Authority has invested the equivalent of over \$19 billion in the bistate regional transportation and trade infrastructure.

## FINANCE

The Port Compact of 1921, which established the Port Authority, envisioned the organization as a financially self-supporting entity. As such, the Port Authority does not receive tax revenue from any State or local jurisdiction and has no power to tax. It must raise funds for the improvement or construction of facilities on the basis of its own credit. The Port Authority does not have the power to pledge the credit of either State or any municipality.

The Port Authority relies primarily on revenue generated from facility operations — tolls from the six bridges and tunnels between New York and New Jersey, fees to operate from the three major airports and the bus terminals, fares on its rail transit system, and rent from business and consumer services and retail stores.

## GOVERNANCE

The Governor of each State appoints six Commissioners to the Port Authority's Board of Commissioners, each appointment subject to the approval of the respective state Senate. Commissioners serve as public officials without remuneration for overlapping six-year terms. The Port Authority may proceed with only those projects the two States authorize; the Governors retain the right to veto the actions of the Commissioners from their respective states.

An Executive Director, appointed by the Board of Commissioners, is responsible for implementing the Board's decisions and managing day-to-day operations with the assistance of chiefs and department heads.

Within the Port District, the Port Authority undertakes projects and initiatives that are consistent with the Port Compact and federal and supplemental bistate legislation.

### Statistical Series:

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report  
Frequency: Annually (usually in April)

Regional Economy, Overview and Outlook: Economic and demographic data on various aspects of activity in the New York-New Jersey Metropolitan Area  
Frequency: Annually

Airport Traffic Report  
Frequency: Annually

## Power Authority of the State of New York

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The New York Power Authority (NYPA) is the nation's largest state-owned power organization, providing economical electricity for community-owned electric systems, investor-owned utilities, government agencies, job-producing businesses, and certain out-of-state customers. It owns and operates 18 electric generating facilities across the state. About 75 percent of the power produced by NYPA is emission-free, renewable hydropower, primarily electricity

generated by the Niagara Power Project in Western New York and the St. Lawrence-Franklin D. Roosevelt Power Project in Northern New York. Thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in capital investments are linked to those two projects, along with various power programs that NYPA administers for economic development.

A not-for-profit, public benefit corporation, NYPA is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. It finances its operations through the sale of bonds and from revenues earned in large part through sales of electricity. No tax revenues or state credit are used.

NYPA owns and operates more than 1,400 circuit-miles of transmission lines, accounting for about one-third of the state's high-voltage transmission. It is a pioneer in advanced transmission control technologies, having installed the first device in the world with the capability of instantaneously shifting power in the same substation from a heavily loaded transmission line to one with spare capacity.

NYPA is also a leader in energy efficiency and new technologies, including fuel cells, solar power, and electric transportation. It has invested more than \$1 billion in energy-saving projects at public facilities statewide, saving taxpayers more than \$100 million a year and reducing annual greenhouse gas emissions by over 830,000 tons. It plans to invest \$1.4 billion over the next eight years in support of New York State's goal of reducing energy use by 15 percent from forecasted levels by 2015.

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Located in the Executive Department, the Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives is empowered by Section 243 of the Executive Law to fund and exercise general supervision over probation and alternatives to incarceration programs throughout the State.

This agency's mission is to promote public safety and facilitate the delivery of community corrections programs through funding and oversight.

The State Director adopts and promulgates rules and regulations concerning methods and procedures used in the administration of probation services, and develops standards for the operation of alternatives to incarceration programs. The State Director also serves as the Chairperson of the New York State Probation Commission. The Commission, in accordance with Section 242 of the Executive Law, provides advice and consultation to the State Director on matters relating to probation in the State.

## Project Finance Agency, New York State

Agency went out of operation in 2004.

## Public Employment Relations Board

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In 2008, the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) will mark 41 years of operation. Created by the Public Employees' Fair Employment Act of 1967, PERB's mission is the enforcement of the Act; the protection of the rights of public employees to organize without interference or detriment; the assurance that public employers and employee representatives will engage in good faith collective bargaining to determine public employees' terms and conditions of employment; and the determination of appropriate bargaining units and the direction of the process of representative selection. PERB accomplishes its mission through two major program offices. The Office of Conciliation provides dispute resolution assistance to public employers and employees in their collective bargaining and contract administration. The processes utilized are mediation, fact finding, arbitration, and conciliation. The Board supplements its permanent staff by hiring per diem mediators and fact finders to provide these services. The Office of Public Employment Practices and Representation settles and/or decides disputes involving representation and rules on charges of improper employment practices.

Although placed by statute in the Department of Civil Service, PERB functions independently and is not subject to the direction or control of the Civil Service Commission or its President. The Board consists of a full-time chairperson and two part-time members appointed by the Governor for six-year terms. No more than two of the three members may be of the same political party. PERB's jurisdiction includes the approximately 4,500 negotiating units in New York State in cities, towns, villages, school districts, public authorities, as well as other entities such as libraries and water districts and the agencies of the State.

### Other Publications:

The Taylor Law  
Latest Edition: 2008  
Charge: \$10.00 plus postage and handling

Rules of Procedure  
Latest Edition: 1999  
Charge: \$15.00 plus postage and handling

Mandatory/Nonmandatory Subjects of Negotiation  
Latest Edition: 2006  
Charge: \$30.00 plus postage and handling

What Is the Taylor Law?  
Latest Edition: 2004  
Charge: \$10.00 plus postage and handling

The Taylor Law and the Duty of Fair Representation  
Latest Edition: 2008  
Charge: \$15.00 plus postage and handling

PERB News  
Frequency: Monthly  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1968 to present  
Charge: \$40.00 for annual subscription (via US mail)  
\$20.00 for electronic subscription (via e-mail)  
\$ 2.50 for individual copy

Advance copies of PERB decisions  
Frequency: Monthly  
Area covered: New York State  
Charge: \$450.00 for annual subscription (via US mail)  
\$300.00 for electronic subscription (via e-mail)  
(An annual volume of decisions is available by subscription through LRP Publications.)

Annotated Rules of Procedure, 2d Edition w/99-00 supplement  
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The Department of Public Service has a broad mandate to ensure that all New Yorkers have access to reliable and low-cost utility services. The Department is the staff arm of the Public Service Commission. The Commission regulates the state's electric, gas, steam, telecommunications, and water utilities. The Commission also oversees the cable industry. The Commission is charged by law with responsibility for setting rates and ensuring that adequate service is provided by New York's Utilities. In addition, the Commission exercises jurisdiction over the siting of major gas and electric transmission facilities and has responsibility for ensuring the safety of natural gas and liquid petroleum pipelines.

The Mission Statement reads as follows:

The primary mission of the New York State Department of Public Service is to ensure safe, secure, and reliable access to electric, gas, steam, telecommunications, and water services for New York State's residential and business consumers, at just and reasonable rates. The Department seeks to stimulate innovation, strategic infrastructure investment, consumer awareness, competitive markets where feasible, and the use of resources in an efficient and environmentally sound manner.

### Statistical Series:

Monthly Report on Consumer Complaint Activity: Provides an overview of complaint activity and utility responsiveness during the preceding month which is informative to both consumers and utility companies. The Complaint Activity of New York's Major Utilities reports on the volume of complaints received against the largest utilities in each industry. These utility companies vary in size from just over 10,000 customers to several million customers. Therefore, in order to compare complaint volumes among companies, a complaint rate per 100,000 customers is displayed. This allows the reader to compare the complaints of a large company to that of a small company.  
Available: [www.dps.state.ny.us/ocs\\_stats.html](http://www.dps.state.ny.us/ocs_stats.html)  
Frequency: Monthly  
Area covered: New York State

Monthly Report on Consumer Complaint Activity: The Customer Service Response Index (CSRI) reports on the level of customer

service and responsiveness delivered by each service provider under the Commission's jurisdiction.

Available: [www.dps.state.ny.us/ocs\\_stats.html](http://www.dps.state.ny.us/ocs_stats.html)

Frequency: Monthly

Area covered: New York State

Comparison of Monthly Bills of Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Customers of Major Utilities: For six major electric companies contains data on: bills at base rates for various usages; fuel cost; total charges; and total base bill with and without gross revenue tax surcharge. Shows monthly bills for typical use by small, medium, and large customers of electric service.

Available: <http://www.dps.state.ny.us/TypicalBills.htm>

Frequency: Semi-Annually

Area covered: New York State

Financial Statistics of the Major Privately Owned Utilities in New York State: Operating and financial data on Class A and B utilities such as composite and individual balance sheets; income statements; cash flow statements; plant and operation and maintenance information; bill data; equity; and interest coverage.

Available: [www.dps.state.ny.us/arform224.htm](http://www.dps.state.ny.us/arform224.htm)

Frequency: Annually

Area covered: New York State

Available for current 5-year period

Quality of Service — Independent Telephone Companies: Highlights evaluation of telephone service, based on computerized data.

Available: [www.dps.state.ny.us/New\\_telcomNews.html](http://www.dps.state.ny.us/New_telcomNews.html) (Service Quality Reports)

Frequency: Quarterly

Area covered: New York State

Quality of Service — Verizon New York, Inc.: Highlights evaluation of telephone service, based on computerized data.

Available: [www.dps.state.ny.us/New\\_telcomNews.html](http://www.dps.state.ny.us/New_telcomNews.html) (Service Quality Reports)

Frequency: Quarterly

Area covered: New York State

Regulatory Activities: Statistics on rate cases, electric and gas supply, telephone and water service, conservation plans, and research and development activities.

Available: [www.dps.state.ny.us/pscpub.html](http://www.dps.state.ny.us/pscpub.html)

Frequency: Annually

Area covered: New York State

## Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities, Commission on

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The Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities was created by Chapter 655 of the Laws of 1977. The Commission oversees programs operated or licensed by the Office of Mental Health, the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance

Abuse Services. On April 12, 2005, the previous Commission on Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled merged with the New York State Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities. The new agency will carry out the functions formerly assigned to the two agencies, but with an increased emphasis on outreach and advocacy for persons with physical disabilities.

Responsibilities of the Commission include: investigating complaints, including allegations of patient abuse or mistreatment in State-operated and State-licensed mental hygiene facilities; receiving reports of all deaths of patients and determining whether a death warrants investigation; conducting policy, program and cost-effectiveness studies to advise the Governor and the Legislature; providing periodic orientation, training and informational programs to assist the Boards of Visitors of State psychiatric and developmental centers; and administering the State's Protection and Advocacy Program for the Developmentally Disabled (PADD). The Commission is the State's designated agency to provide a Federally funded Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system of services for the developmentally disabled pursuant to Public Law 94-103, and it administers the Federally funded Client Assistance Program (CAP) for persons receiving or seeking vocational rehabilitation services.

Increased cooperation in the area of assistive technology will result in expanded activities designed to increase opportunities for New Yorkers with a variety of disabilities to benefit from improved access to assistive technology. Implementation of a comprehensive training and technical assistance agenda will support people with disabilities in exercising their rights under the Americans With Disabilities Act and other federal and state legislation designed to assure equal rights for New Yorkers with disabilities in such areas as access to educational and vocational services, health care, housing and transportation.

On October 1, 1986, the Commission assumed responsibility for investigating alleged child abuse involving residents of mental hygiene facilities. In 1986-87, the Commission implemented Public Law 99-319, Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals (PAMII) Act, under which the Commission investigates abuse/mistreatment of the mentally ill persons in residential programs and pursues legal and administrative remedies to protect the rights of residents, including problems arising within 90 days of discharge. Further, the Commission administers the Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (PAIR) program to represent individuals with disabilities who do not qualify for other existing P & A programs.

The Commission also administers the Surrogate Decision-Making Program, a program providing a nonjudicial, faster and cost effective approach for securing informed consent for major medical care needed by mentally disabled persons living in residential programs. In addition, the Commission administers the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) program of assistance to people with disabilities who receive Social Security Insurance Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and are encountering barriers in their efforts to become employed or to receive employment-related training or assistance.

Within the Commission are two advisory bodies, each comprised of 15 members appointed by the Governor. The Mental Hygiene Medical Review Board consists of medical and psychiatric specialists who review deaths at mental hygiene facilities. The Advisory Council to the Commission advises and assists the Commission in developing policies, plans and programs.

The Commission oversees programs operated or licensed by the Office of Mental Health, the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services. Commission reports include descriptive and analytic data on centers, programs, care, individual cases and specific disabilities.

### **Statistical Series:**

Client Assistance Program (CAP) Annual Report: Statistics on complaints and nonlegal advocacy, description of cases litigated.  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1984 to present

Commission Annual Report: Statistics on deficiencies noted, complaints, closed cases and rights issues.  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1978 to present

Newsletter: Articles on current and future Commission projects, news and related subjects in the area of mental disabilities.  
Frequency: Bimonthly  
Published: 1980 to present

Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Program for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Annual Report: Summaries of cases litigated, statistics on complaints and nonlegal advocacy, education and training.  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1984 to present

Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals (PAMII) Annual Report: Summaries of cases litigated, statistics on complaints and nonlegal advocacy, education and training.  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1989 to present

Annual Report on Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1989 to present

### **Other Publications:**

Lessons Learned — Changes Made: The Case of Evelyn Douglin Center for Serving People in Need  
Published: February 2008

Assisted Living Programs  
Published: June 2007

Residential Treatment Facilities  
Published: June 2007

Continuing Day Treatment  
Published: December 2006

Adult Home Closure Study  
Published: November 2006

Health Care in Impacted Adult Homes  
Published: May 2006

A Review of the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services' Addiction Treatment Centers  
Published: March 2006

Adult Homes Serving Residents with Mental Health: A Study on Layering of Services  
Published: August 2002

Exploiting Not-For-Profit Care in an Adult Home: The Story Behind Ocean House Center, Inc.  
Published: December 2001

In The Matter of David Dix  
Published: November 1999

Watching Over the Children: A Review of 1998 Commission Activities on Behalf of Children with Mental Disabilities  
Published: August 1999

A Report on Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Who Are Possibly Homeless  
Published: August 1999

Abandoning Its Not-For-Profit Purposes: The Case of Project Independence of Queens NY, Inc.  
Published: June 1999

Exploiting Medicaid Through A Shell Not-For-Profit Corporation: The Case of Special Needs Program, Inc.  
Published: January 1999

Diverting Public Funds: The Misguided Mission of the Independent Living Center of Amsterdam, Inc.  
Published: August 1998

Incident Reporting and Management Practices at Five NYS Psychiatric Centers.  
Published: May 1997

Could This Happen in Your Program? A Collection of Case Studies Provoking Reflection, Discussion, and Action.  
Published: April 1997

Profit Making in Not-For-Profit Care: Part III, The Case of Queens County Neuropsychiatric Institute, Inc.  
Published: November 1996

A Brief Report on Active Programming in State Psychiatric Centers: Has Anything Changed?  
Published: August 1996

Why Do Psychiatric Clinics Costs Vary by 1030%: A Review of the Efficiency of Freestanding Clinics.  
Published: May 1996

Breaking with the Past: How New York's Private Psychiatric Hospitals Have Managed Since Managed Care.  
Published: April 1996

## **Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled, Commission on**

See: Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities, Commission on

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The New York State Racing and Wagering Board has general jurisdiction over all horse racing activities and all pari-mutuel betting

activities, both on-track and off-track, in the State and over the corporations, associations, and persons engaged therein. The Board also regulates the conduct of bingo and games of chance by authorized nonprofit organizations. The Board regulates Indian Casino gambling pursuant to Compact provisions negotiated under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988.

The Board consists of three members appointed for six-year terms by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Not more than two of the members shall belong to the same political party. The Governor designates one of the members as Chairman of the Board, who is the chief executive officer.

Notwithstanding the transfer of functions from the State Racing Commission, the State Harness Racing Commission, and the State Quarter Horse Racing Commission, those commissions continue to exist in order to render advice to the Board. They also constitute membership to the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Corporation; the Agriculture and New York State Breeding and Development Fund; and the Quarter Horse Breeding and Development Fund Corporation.

The Racing and Wagering Board publishes an Annual Report. Other special reports are occasionally made to the Governor and Legislature, but not on a regular basis. All statistical material from racetracks, off-track betting, bingo, and games of chance is published in the annual report.

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The Office of Real Property Services (ORPS), an independent agency within the State Executive Department, is generally responsible for overseeing and helping to improve the local administration of the property tax. ORPS is statutorily required to annually develop more than 1,000 rates and ratios for school and county tax distribution and other uses. The agency oversees administration of the School Tax Relief (STAR) exemptions and provides guidance in regard to local administration of other property tax exemptions. In addition, ORPS determines assessments for special franchise property, advisory appraisals for complex utility property, railroad ceilings, agricultural use assessments, as well as oil and gas unit values.

### Statistical Series:

**Assessed and Full Value of Taxable Real Property:** Data based on surveys of taxable real property in New York State and information from local assessors.

Frequency: Annually

Areas covered: Counties, cities, towns and villages

**Equalization Rates:** Ratio of assessed value to market value for all taxable real property in each municipality.

Available in: Equalization Rate Bulletin for (specified year)

**Assessment Rolls of Cities, Towns, and Villages**

Frequency: Annually

Areas covered: Cities, towns, and villages of New York State

**Railroad Ceilings:** Amounts determined annually by the State Board that are the maximum values on which assessing units may

levy real property taxes on the property of railroads used for transportation purposes.

Frequency: Annually

Areas covered: Cities, towns, and villages of New York State

**Special Franchise Assessments:** Assessed valuation of property of public utilities (e.g., poles, transmission lines) located in streets and other public places.

Frequency: Annually

Areas covered: Cities, towns, and villages of New York State

### Other Publications:

**2007 Report on the Effectiveness of State Technical and Financial Assistance Programs for Assessment Administration**  
Published: March 2007

**Annual Report (covering 2006)**

Published: March 2007

**Assessment Equity in New York: Results from the 2006 Market Value Survey**

Published: June 2007

**Certified County Directors of Real Property Tax Services**

Published: October 2007

**Compensating Local Governments for Loss of Tax Base Due to State Ownership of Land**

Published: September 1996

**Distribution of Farm and Forest Parcels by Property Class, 1993 Assessment Rolls**

Published: July 1994

**Distribution of Parcels by Property Class, 2006 Assessment Rolls**

Published: May 2007

**Divestiture of Electricity Generating Plants: Property Tax Implications**

Published: December 1999

**Exemptions from Real Property Taxation in New York State: 2006 County, City, and Town Assessment Rolls**

Published: August 2007

**Fair Assessments: A Guide for Property Owners**

Published: March 2008

**Q&A About the STAR School Tax Relief Plan**

Revised: March 2008

**How the Property Tax Works**

Revised: March 2008

**What To Do If You Disagree With Your Assessment**

Revised: March 2008

**The Job of the Assessor**

Revised: March 2008

**Maximize the Efficiency of the Assessment Function: Guidelines for Transitioning to County Assessing**

Published: March 2008

**Municipal Options for More Efficient Assessment Administration**

Revised: March 2008

**The Property Tax Cycle**

Revised: March 2008

Property Tax Bills: Do You Know What Your Bill Is Telling You?  
Revised: March 2008

Q & A: Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes  
Revised: March 2008

Q & A: Senior Citizens' Exemption  
Revised: March 2008

Q & A: Veterans' Exemptions  
Revised: March 2008

Property Tax Myths and Misunderstandings  
Revised: March 2008

Reassessment — Frequently Asked Questions  
Published: November 2006

State Aid for Quality Assessing  
Published: March 2008

Survey of Ratio Study Methods Used by the States  
Published: September 1995

Survey of Railroad and Utility Taxation Practices Among the States:  
2005 Update  
Published: April 2005

Understanding the Equalization Rate: A Guide for Property Owners  
Revised: March 2008

## Regional Authorities

See: Central New York Regional Transportation Authority  
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The mission of the Governor's Office of Regulatory Reform (GORR) is to lead the effort in providing regulatory action and responses that foster accessible and responsive government. The agency is authorized under Executive Order 20 to provide oversight of the

regulatory processes of State agencies. GORR works closely with the agencies in the review of proposed regulations and programs, and to determine if existing rules can be eliminated. The agency also provides direct assistance to businesses and local governments by reforming rules, simplifying regulatory processes, and offering permit assistance to new and expanding businesses.

### Program Activities

GORR's programs are focused in two major areas: Regulations Review and Permitting Assistance. These programs help stimulate business development and job growth by enabling easy access to State business permit information and approvals, and ensuring that new and revised regulations reflect sound regulatory policy.

### Regulations Review

The agency reviews proposed and existing regulations. New or revised regulations are approved only after a thorough and in-depth analysis of the statutory basis, needs, benefits, costs, and effects on the regulated parties, such as small businesses.

The agency's review process includes insuring extensive outreach to agencies, regulated entities, and interested parties to ensure that they have the opportunity to participate in the development of a new or revised regulation. GORR's approach has resulted in streamlined rule making and has maintained a high quality of interaction between state regulators, local governments, the business community, and the public.

### Permit Assistance and Coordination

GORR provides individualized assistance to new and relocating businesses through its one-stop Permit Assistance operation. The agency's Online Permit Assistance and Licensing Program (OPAL) allows a customer to apply online for multiple state permits.

Permit Assistance is available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on business days or on the web at [www.nys-permits.org](http://www.nys-permits.org). Automated information on starting a business is available 24 hours a day via GORR's toll-free number, 1-800-342-3464.

The agency also participates in several programs designed to promote economic development by streamlining the State permitting process. The Build Now-NY and Shovel Ready-NY programs provide pre-permitting and permitting assistance to project developers in coordination with the Empire State Development Corporation.

### 2008-2009 Budget

The agency's programs are supported by State General Fund revenues. The proposed total program budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$3.6 million.

### GORR Pamphlet Series

#### Starting a Business

A primer on forms and permits a prospective entrepreneur must obtain.

#### Permit Assistance

How to use the services of GORR's Permit Assistance Unit.

Online Permit Assistance and Licensing (OPAL).

## Social Services, Department of

See: Temporary and Disability Assistance, Office of

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The Department of State is the general recording agency of New York State. Responsibilities include filing and maintaining records of corporations (other than banking, insurance, and educational institutions), limited partnerships, and limited liability companies. The department is the repository for such government documents as local laws and oaths of office, etc. It operates a system for receiving, recording, and disseminating information of Uniform Commercial Code filings and other financial obligations incurred by individuals and businesses and also provides for equitable notification of financial obligations owed by debtors. The department also commissions notaries public and regulates and licenses real estate brokers and salespersons, real estate appraisers, fire and security alarm installers, barbers, appearance enhancement businesses and practitioners, private investigators, watch, guard, or patrol agency, security guards, hearing aid dispensers, apartment information vendors and referral agents, those involved in renovation and sale of articles of bedding, armored car carriers and armored car guards, coin processors, telemarketer businesses, bail enforcement agents, and central dispatch facilities. In addition, the department registers trademarks and service marks, trading stamp companies, and games of chance utilized in promoting retail sales (other than the New York State Lottery).

The Department of State administers and provides technical assistance for the following grant programs: Community Services Block Grant; the Coastal Zone Management Program; and Appalachian Regional Commission.

The Division of Cemeteries administers provisions of the not-for-profit corporation law dealing with cemetery corporations for approximately 1,900 cemeteries and crematories in New York State.

The Office of Fire Prevention and Control is responsible for training firefighters; providing general technical assistance to fire departments upon request as well as emergency on-scene assistance; coordinating fire service resources during large-scale emergencies; supporting New York State counter-terrorism strategies; develops public fire safety education programs; conducting fire investigations upon request; upgrading arson evidence analysis; maintaining the Fire Incident and Burn Injury Reporting Systems; promulgating fire safety standards for cigarettes sold in New York State; conducting fire safety inspections of all colleges and universities in New York State and outside of New York City and of certain state-owned and state-regulated properties; developing standards for dispatch centers who receive 911 calls from wireless phones; coordinating and providing administrative support to the Capital District Urban/Technical Search and Rescue Programs (New York Task Force 2); administering loans to fire departments and emergency medical services agencies; and operating the Senator Frederick L. Warder Academy of Fire Science in Montour Falls, New York.

The Division of Coastal Resources provides leadership, professional expertise, and financial assistance to revitalize communities,

strengthen local economies, manage ecosystems, improve watersheds, and expand public recreation. It directs the statewide Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program to help communities redevelop brownfields. The division manages and provides expertise to the multiagency New York Ocean and Great Lakes Ecosystem Conservation Council to establish ecosystem-based management in New York State. It implements the New York State Coastal Management Program and the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program to achieve sound management of the State's 5,000 mile waterfront. The division creates and delivers program to build capacity within local governments and community-based organizations to plan and build environmental and development projects.

The Division of Code Enforcement and Administration provides a variety of services related to New York's Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and State Energy Conservation Construction Code. The Division provides technical assistance, administers variances, delivers educational courses, and oversees the enforcement practices of local governments, and serves as secretariat to the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council. In addition to its central office in Albany, the Division maintains ten regional field offices around the state that provide direct, on-site assistance to local governments, building owners, design professionals, and the construction industry.

### Other Publications:

**New York State Register:** Official notices of State agencies and information on proposed and adopted rules. The Register is available free of charge on the department's web site at [www.dos.state.ny.us/info/register.htm](http://www.dos.state.ny.us/info/register.htm). A yearly subscription may be purchased, which includes a quarterly index, a complete listing of subjects, purposes, and publication date of each agency's rule makings. (Available from the Division of Administrative Rules; \$80 first class; \$40 periodical rate — (518) 474-6957)  
Frequency: Weekly

**Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (NYCRR):** An unofficial version of the NYCRR is available free of charge on the departments web site at [www.dos.state.ny.us/nycrr](http://www.dos.state.ny.us/nycrr). Loose-leaf; supplement series updated semi-monthly. Distributed exclusively for the Department of State by West Publishing (Customer Services: 1-800-344-5009).

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The Office of the State Comptroller (OSC), headed by an independently elected official, is generally responsible for financial operations of the State and its political subdivisions. This responsibility includes auditing State agencies and public authorities; State expenditures and collections of revenues and receipts; and activities relating to State debt, investments, and cash management. Most State executive agency contracts are approved by the Office. The Office also administers the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System and the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System.

In addition, the Office has overall supervision of the fiscal affairs of local governments. The OSC's Division of Local Government and School Accountability monitors and makes recommendations on the fiscal condition of local governments (including school districts) and their operations, examines and audits local accounts and fiscal records, prescribes uniform systems of budgeting and accounting, reviews the annual financial reports required to be filed by local governments, conducts research on local government finances and issues affecting localities, monitors the tax levied by municipalities to ensure compliance with constitutional limits, and approves the formation of certain special districts. OSC also assists local governments in the solutions of problems of law, finance, and administration. The Office of the State Deputy Comptroller for the City of New York (OSDC) assists the Comptroller in fulfilling his constitutional responsibilities to oversee New York City finances. OSDC also has a statutory responsibility to assist the New York State Financial Control Board (FCB) and supports the Comptroller in his role as a member of the FCB. In addition, OSDC provides assistance to the Municipal Assistance Corporation (MAC).

#### Statistical Series:

**Financial Data for Local Governments:** Summary data for municipalities compiled from annual financial reports showing revenues, expenditures, debt issued, and outstanding indebtedness. Also included are Constitutional tax and debt limit information, assessed and full valuation of taxable real property, population, and land area. Starting with the data for 1998 fiscal years, this series is issued in electronic format available at the State Comptroller's web site: [www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/datanstat/findata/index\\_choice.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/datanstat/findata/index_choice.htm) or by calling (518) 474-6975.

Frequency: Annually

Areas covered: Counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, fire districts, joint activities, and independent special purpose units (including Industrial Development Agencies) of New York State  
Published: 1907 to present

Local government financial data can also be obtained through "Open Book New York" on the State Comptroller's web site: [www.openbooknewyork.com](http://www.openbooknewyork.com).

**Annual Report on Local Governments:** Provides analysis of fiscal and demographic trends in local governments and describes the major activities and services of the Division of Local Government and School Accountability. Contains tables and charts of data on revenue, expenditures, and indebtedness for all major classes of local governments (counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, and fire districts). The Annual Report is available on the State Comptroller's web site: [www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/datanstat/annreport/index.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/datanstat/annreport/index.htm).

Frequency: Annually

Area covered: Counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, and fire districts of New York State  
Published: 1999 to present

**Overlapping Real Property Taxes:** Contains real property tax rates for all local taxing jurisdictions. The ORPT tables are available on the State Comptroller's web site: [www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/orptbook/taxrates.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/orptbook/taxrates.htm).

Frequency: Annually

Area covered: Counties, cities, towns, villages, and school districts of New York State

Published: 1971 to present

**Comprehensive Annual Financial Report:** Contains audited GAAP financial statements and other State fiscal data summarizing revenues, expenditures, debt, transfers, and balances for all State Treasury funds on a fiscal year basis. Income shown by source (various taxes and miscellaneous revenues); expenditures by agency and object; debt by type and purpose; and investments by fund and type.

Frequency: Annually

Area covered: New York State

Published: 1982 to present

**Comptroller's Report on the Financial Condition of New York State:** Gives an overview of the financial condition of New York State. Presents selected financial, economic, and demographic information in an easy-to-understand format. Provides basic information on trends in State revenue and spending, the State's financial position as measured by Generally Accepted Accounting Principals (GAAP), and selected economic and demographic trends affecting the State.

Frequency: Annually

Published: 1994 to present

**Financial and Audit Solutions:** Solutions is a quarterly newsletter that covers timely and pertinent subjects relating to audit, accounting, and financial reporting issues, new technologies, Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) initiatives, professional development, and status of OSC projects.

Frequency: Annually

Published: 1998 to present

Recent editions of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the Comptroller's Report on the Financial Condition of New York State are available on the State Comptroller's web site: [www.osc.state.ny.us](http://www.osc.state.ny.us) and follow the links for State Finances.

(Other publications/reports available through the Bureau of Financial Reporting include: Quarterly GAAP Financial Statements, Comptroller's Annual GAAP Basis Report to the Legislature, Five Year Comparative Financial Statements, Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, Certification of Certain Tax Revenues, and the Citizen's Guide.)

**Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System, Police and Fire Retirement System):** Summary of funding, investment, and accounting practices of the system. The CAFR can be accessed through the State Comptroller's web site: [www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.htm).

Frequency: Annually

Published: 1921 to present

**Employer Forum:** A newsletter for payroll and personnel staff of employers that participate in New York State and Local Retirement System. Contains articles on current legislation, reporting of Retirement Systems members, and new publications. The Employer Forum can be accessed through the State Comptroller's web site: [www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/newletters.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/newletters.htm).

Frequency: Semi-annually

Area covered: New York State

Published: 1990 to present

**E-News:** A monthly newsletter sent via e-mail that provides the very latest information about the Retirement System, including

tips on planning for retirement. To receive E-News go to [www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/members\\_e-news/index.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/members_e-news/index.htm) and submit the online e-mail address registration form.

Frequency: Monthly

Published: April 2003 to present

## State Liquor Authority

See: Alcoholic Beverage Control, Division of

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The Division of State Police was established by Executive Law on April 11, 1917. The Division provides a full range of law enforcement services to the people of New York, enforcing laws, protecting life and property, detecting and preventing crime, and arresting violators. It also plays a crucial role in the State's terrorism response preparedness and counter-terrorism efforts.

The Division is directed by a Superintendent who is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. For administration purposes, the Division divides the state into eleven geographical areas known as Troops. Each of these is further divided into Zones and Station areas. Some station areas are served by one or more satellite offices in addition to the primary station. Special Detail offices are located in many cities.

Uniform Troopers are the field officers who provide direct police services and, as first responders to calls for service, most frequently come in contact with members of the public. Investigators in the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) investigate all felony and serious misdemeanor crimes reported to the State Police. Uniform Force and BCI personnel cooperate closely with each other and with members of other law enforcement agencies.

The Division of State Police provides a wide array of specialized support services, including the: Counter-Terrorism Intelligence Unit, Community Narcotics Enforcement Team, Operation IMPACT, New York State Intelligence Center, Violent Felony Warrant Squad, School Resource Officers, School and Community Outreach Unit, Forensic Investigation Center and Crime Laboratories, Aviation Unit, Canine Unit, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit, Computer Crime Unit, Special Operations Response Team, Bomb Disposal Unit, Dive Team, Violent Criminal Investigation Team, Auto Theft Unit, Special Investigations Unit, Pistol Permit Section, and the Illegal Firearms Tracing Unit. All of these services are available without charge to any law enforcement agency in the state that requests assistance.

The New York State Police also operates the New York Statewide Police Information Network (NYSPIN) as a service to the criminal justice community not only in New York, but also throughout the United States. NYSPIN is directly accessible through more than 800 direct link computer terminals and several hundred additional computers by virtue of computer-to-computer interfaces. In addition to timely police information from State Police computer databases, NYSPIN offers access to files maintained by the

New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, the National Crime Information Center, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, and the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System.

Additionally, the Division maintains an extensive internal computer network to support State Police operational and administrative programs. This network links personal and laptop computers through local area networks that are interconnected through the Division's wide area network. Other internal support programs include communications, planning and research, fiscal management, payroll, fleet management, human resources, the State Police Academy, and the quartermaster section.

## State University of New York, The

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The State University's 64 colleges and university centers, including 30 community colleges, comprise one of the nation's largest university systems. The University offers higher education programs at all levels in the liberal arts and sciences, the fine arts, applied arts and technologies, and specialized and graduate training in such fields as medicine, law, optometry, education, engineering, library studies, maritime studies, agriculture, forestry, industrial and labor relations, and public affairs.

The State University maintains comprehensive statistics on its operations through the Office of Institutional Research and Analysis, which is a research service agency for the System and its campuses.

### Statistical Series:

**Official Enrollments:** Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer enrollments of undergraduate and graduate students by campus.  
Frequency: Semester/Term

**Student Characteristics:** General characteristics of the students enrolled at the State University by campus, e.g., ethnic and geographic diversity, age, academic program, and registered hours.  
Frequency: Semester/Term

**Attrition/Graduation:** Persistence and graduation rates of entering cohorts of first-time, full-time undergraduate students enrolled in an academic program.  
Frequency: Annually for students entering in a fall term.

**Degrees and Certificates Granted:** Two-year, four-year, graduate (masters and doctoral) and professional degrees and certificates awarded by campus.  
Frequency: Annually

**Trends in Tuition and Other Basic Student Charges:** Normal tuition, fees, room, and board charges.  
Frequency: Annually

**Employees:** Full-time and part-time employees by employee category, ethnic group, and gender.  
Frequency: Annually

Faculty Salaries: Median salaries of state-employed faculty by rank and campus.  
Frequency: Annually

## Substance Abuse, Division of

See: Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, Office of

## Taxation and Finance, Department of

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The Department of Taxation and Finance collects most of the taxes and some of the fees imposed by the State. It has basic collection data on these taxes and additional statistical data, in annual surveys and other studies, for several of the major taxes.

The most productive single source of State revenue is the personal income tax. The Department annually conducts a large sample survey of returns to obtain information on components of income and deductions. Other taxes for which surveys are conducted, or studies are made, are corporation taxes, bank taxes, and insurance taxes.

### Statistical Series:

All Tax Collections: Net collections (after refunds) from taxes levied on alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, corporation franchises, estates, highway use, motor fuel, personal income, petroleum businesses, sales and use, and others.  
In: Statistical Report of New York State Tax Collections  
Frequency: Annually  
Published: 1913 to present  
Web Site: www.tax.state.ny.us/statistics/stat\_fy\_collections.htm (state fiscal year 1995 to present)

Alcoholic Beverage Taxes and Cigarette Taxes, Summary Data.  
In: Statistical Report of New York State Tax Collections  
Frequency: Annually  
Published: 1935 to present  
Web Site: www.tax.state.ny.us/statistics/stat\_fy\_collections.htm (state fiscal year 1995 to present)

Corporation Franchise Tax: Amount of tax and other variables for general business corporations, real estate corporations, and others, by industry.  
In: Statistical Report of New York State Tax Collections (1949-1990)

Corporation Franchise Tax: A mandated accounting of credit activity under the general business corporation franchise tax.  
In: Analysis of Article 9-A General Business Corporation Franchise Tax Credits  
Frequency: Annually  
Published: 1992 to 2004  
Web Site: www.tax.state.ny.us/stat\_corp/analysis\_of\_article\_9a\_general\_business\_corporation\_franchise\_tax\_credits.htm

Corporation Franchise Taxes: Statistics for Article 9-A (the franchise tax on business corporations), Article 9 (the corporation and

utilities tax), Article 32 (the franchise tax on banking corporations), and Article 33 (the franchise tax on insurance companies). The reports are intended to provide a summary of corporate tax data to aid interested parties in their analysis of New York's corporate tax structure.

In: New York State Corporate Tax Statistical Report  
Frequency: Annually  
Published: 1990 to 2004  
Web Site: www.tax.state.ny.us/stat\_corp/corporate\_tax\_statistical\_report.htm

Estate Taxes: Gross collections and net collections, refunds, county treasurer's fees (where applicable), etc.  
In: Statistical Report of New York State Tax Collections  
Frequency: Annually  
Areas covered: New York State and counties  
Published: 1925 to present  
Web Site: www.tax.state.ny.us/statistics/stat\_fy\_collections.htm (state fiscal year 1995 to present)

Estate Taxes: Taxable estates by net estate class, components of gross estate, amount and type of deductions, and number of estates by tax liability class.  
In: Analysis of Estates Closed During (specified) Year  
Frequency: Annually  
Areas covered: New York State and counties  
Published: 1962 to 1988; for state fiscal years 1994-95 to 2000-2001  
Web Site: www.tax.state.ny.us/statistics/estate\_tax\_statistical\_reports.htm (state fiscal years 1994-95 to 2000-2001)

Highway Use Taxes, Motor Fuel Taxes: Summary data on collections and taxable gallons, by type of fuel, etc.  
In: Statistical Report of New York State Tax Collections  
Frequency: Annually  
Published: 1965 to present  
Web Site: www.tax.state.ny.us/statistics/stat\_fy\_collections.htm (state fiscal years 1995 to present)

Mortgage Tax: Number of mortgages recorded, gross tax collections, expenses of recording offices, refunds, and net amounts paid to county treasurers.  
In: Statistical Report of New York State Tax Collections  
Frequency: Annually  
Areas covered: New York State and counties  
Published: 1946 to present  
Web Site: www.tax.state.ny.us/statistics/stat\_fy\_collections.htm (state fiscal year 1995 to present)

Pari-mutuel Taxes and Racing Admissions Taxes: Attendance at and revenue derived from each harness and flat track in New York State, including revenue from the pari-mutuel tax, breakage, uncashed tickets, and commissions.  
In: Statistical Report of New York State Tax Collections  
Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1944 to present  
Web Site: www.tax.state.ny.us/statistics/stat\_fy\_collections.htm (state fiscal year 1995 to present)

Personal Income Tax (New York State): Data based on all returns, taxable and nontaxable, reporting on total income, total tax liability, etc.  
In: New York Personal Income and Tax Liability for (specified) Income Year by County of Residence  
Frequency: Annually  
Areas covered: New York State and counties  
Published: 1963 to 2004

Web Site: [www.tax.state.ny.us/stat\\_pit/analysis\\_of\\_state\\_personal\\_income\\_tax\\_returns\\_by\\_place\\_of\\_residence.htm](http://www.tax.state.ny.us/stat_pit/analysis_of_state_personal_income_tax_returns_by_place_of_residence.htm) (1993 to 2000)

Personal Income Tax (New York State): Analyses of sample data from a stratified sample of returns (separately for long-form returns and short-form returns). Data on sources of income, deductions, exemptions, tax liability, etc.

In: Analysis of (specified year) Personal Income Tax Returns

Frequency: Annually

Published: 1949 to 2004

Web Site: [www.tax.state.ny.us/stat\\_pit/analysis\\_of\\_personal\\_income\\_tax\\_returns.htm](http://www.tax.state.ny.us/stat_pit/analysis_of_personal_income_tax_returns.htm) (1992 to 2001)

Personal Income Tax (New York State): Summary of sample data.

In: Statistical Report of New York State Tax Collections

Frequency: Annually

Published: 1949 to 1993

Personal Income Tax (New York State): Detailed data on a county-level basis showing the usage and value of the earned income tax credit, as mandated by the Tax Law. Data are classified by amount of earned income, size of credit, and number of qualifying children.

In: Earned Income Tax Credit: Analysis of Credit Claims

Frequency: Annually

Published: 1994 to present

Web site: [www.tax.state.ny.us/stat\\_pit/earned\\_income\\_tax\\_credit\\_analysis\\_of\\_credit\\_claims.htm](http://www.tax.state.ny.us/stat_pit/earned_income_tax_credit_analysis_of_credit_claims.htm)

Personal Income Tax (New York State): Information on households receiving real property circuit breaker tax credits. Detailed information includes number of claims, total credits and average credit by filer age, type of residence, and household income in each New York State county.

In: Real Property Circuit Breaker Tax Credit: Credit Use by County

Frequency: Annually

Published: 1992 to present

Web Site: [www.tax.state.ny.us/stat\\_pit/real\\_property\\_circuit\\_breaker\\_tax\\_credit.htm](http://www.tax.state.ny.us/stat_pit/real_property_circuit_breaker_tax_credit.htm)

Personal Income Tax (New York State): Information on a statewide and county level basis for New York's child and dependent care credit. Summary data include number and amount of credit claims based on income, filing status, number of qualifying dependents, and number of wage earners.

In: Child and Dependent Care Credit: Background and Statistical Analysis

Frequency: Annually

Published: 2002 to 2005

Web Site: [www.tax.state.ny.us/stat\\_pit/child\\_and\\_dependent\\_care\\_credit.htm](http://www.tax.state.ny.us/stat_pit/child_and_dependent_care_credit.htm)

Sales and Use Taxes: Data on State collections and local distributions.

In: Statistical Report of New York State Tax Collections

Frequency: Annually

Areas covered: New York State and counties and cities that impose local sales and use taxes by State fiscal year

Published: 1966 to present

Web Site: [www.tax.state.ny.us/statistics/stat\\_fy\\_collections.htm](http://www.tax.state.ny.us/statistics/stat_fy_collections.htm) (state fiscal year 1995 to present)

Sales and Use Taxes: Data on taxable sales and purchases subject to use tax by county and industry.

In: Taxable Sales and Purchases Subject to the Use Tax by County and Industry for (specific period)

Frequency: Semiannually (1978 to 2000; discontinued), annually (1999 to 2005)

Areas covered: New York State and counties that impose local sales and use taxes

Published: 1978 to present

Web Site: [www.tax.state.ny.us/statistics/sales\\_tax\\_statistical\\_reports.htm](http://www.tax.state.ny.us/statistics/sales_tax_statistical_reports.htm) (March 1995 to February 2005)

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The Office is responsible for supervising programs that provide cash and transitional assistance and other forms of support to eligible children, families, and adults: the Family Assistance program (New York's version of the federal TANF program), the Safety Net Assistance program, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Emergency Assistance for Families and Adults (EAF, EAA), Energy Assistance, and Food Stamps.

Due to the State and Federal Welfare Reform Acts, AFDC and Home Relief are obsolete categories and definitions. Caseload and expenditure reporting are now provided under the Family Assistance and Safety Net Assistance programs and definitions. January 1998 denotes the change in reporting definitions from the Public Assistance (AFDC and Home Relief) programs to the Temporary Assistance (Family Assistance and Safety Net Assistance) programs. When attempting to compare historical data, only *total* Public Assistance can be compared with *total* Temporary Assistance. AFDC, HR, Family Assistance, and Safety Net Assistance cannot be compared.

Other functions of the Office include overseeing New York's child-support-enforcement program, and performing disability determinations for SSI. The state's homeless housing and services programs, and its homeless shelters, are also supervised by the Office, as are the refugee and immigrant-services programs.

The Office supervises the work of New York's 58 local districts (New York City and 57 counties) and apportions to localities funds that have been approved by the state legislature or the federal government. The Office also provides fair hearings to persons who appeal the denial of benefits by local districts.

### Statistical Series:

#### CURRENT SERIES

Available online at [www.otda.state.ny.us](http://www.otda.state.ny.us)

#### HISTORICAL SERIES

Temporary Assistance Summary Statistics

Family Assistance Summary Statistics

Safety Net Assistance Summary Statistics

In: Temporary and Disability Assistance Statistics; Monthly and Annual Summary Tables

Frequency: Monthly and Annually

Published: 1998 to 2001

Supplemental Security Income program (SSI): Summary data on persons in receipt.

In: Statistical Supplement to the Annual Report

Frequency: Annually

Published: 1974 to 1997

Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC): Summary data on cases, persons, and expenditures.

In: Statistical Supplement to the Annual Report

Frequency: Annually

Published: 1960 to 1997

Food Stamp Program: Summary data on households, persons, and coupon values.

In: Statistical Supplement to the Annual Report

Frequency: Annually

Published: 1975 to 1997

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP): Number of individuals receiving assistance.

In: Statistical Supplement to the Annual Report

Frequency: Annually

Published: 1983 to 1997

Home Relief (HR): Summary data on cases, persons, and expenditures.

In: Statistical Supplement to the Annual Report

Frequency: Annually

Published: 1960 to 1997

Income Maintenance: Summary data on cases, persons, and expenditures.

In: Statistical Supplement to the Annual Report

Frequency: Annually

Published: 1960 to 1997

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The New York State Thruway Authority operates the Governor Thomas E. Dewey Thruway — the largest toll superhighway system in the United States. The 570-mile expressway includes a 496-mile route from the New York City line to the Pennsylvania line at Ripley and includes the 426-mile mainline connecting the State's two largest cities, New York City and Buffalo. Other Thruway sections make direct connections with the Connecticut and Massachusetts Turnpikes, New Jersey Garden State, and the South. In 1991, the Cross-Westchester Expressway and, in 1992, I-84 were added to the Thruway System. The Authority operated and maintained I-84 through October 2007 at the Authority's expense. In October 2007, the Authority returned responsibility for I-84 to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). However, pursuant to an agreement between the Authority and NYSDOT, the Authority currently continues to perform operation and maintenance of I-84 on behalf of NYSDOT at NYSDOT's expense. In all, the Thruway (without I-84) is comprised of 2,815 lane miles of roadway, 807 bridges, over 300 buildings, 27 travel plazas, 275 toll booths, nearly 120 water services, 18 water waste treatment plants, and 21 motor fueling stations for Authority vehicles and equipment. Operationally, the Authority is segmented into four regional divisions — Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse, and Tarrytown (referred to as New York Division) — with Administrative Headquarters located in Albany.

The Thruway Authority, an independent public corporation, was created by the state Legislature in 1950 to build, operate, and maintain the superhighway. The Thruway was built from proceeds raised from the sale of bonds to private investors. Currently, outstanding bonds are being paid with toll revenue and other income.

In 2007, passenger cars and commercial vehicles traveled more than 8.5 billion miles on the Thruway. The Thruway's safety record

was outstanding, with a fatality rate much lower than the national average.

In 1992, legislation was enacted that transferred jurisdiction over the New York State Canal System from the NYSDOT to the Authority. This legislation also created the New York State Canal Corporation (Corporation), a subsidiary of the Authority, charged with operating, maintaining, constructing, reconstructing, improving, developing, financing, and promoting the Canal System. This System consists of 524 miles of connected navigable waterways encompassing: the Erie Canal (338 miles, east to west), the Champlain Canal (60 miles, south to north), the Oswego Canal (24 miles, southeast to northwest between Lake Ontario and the Erie Canal), and the Cayuga-Seneca Canal (12 miles, southwest to northwest linking the Erie Canal with Cayuga and Seneca Lakes). There are also 90 miles of navigable channel through Cayuga Lake to Ithaca and Seneca Lake to Watkins Glen, respectively. Comprised of both "canalized" natural rivers and dug channel, the Canal System's 57 locks and 16 lift bridges facilitate navigation as part of a larger network of navigable waterways in New York State extending south to Florida, north to Canada, and west to the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River.

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Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation (TSFC) is a public benefit corporation of the State of New York (the "State") established as a subsidiary of the State of New York Municipal Bond Bank Agency (MBBA) and created pursuant to the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation Act (the "Act"). By the terms of the Act, TSFC is treated and accounted for as a legal entity separate from the State and MBBA with its separate corporate purposes set forth in the Act. The directors of MBBA serve as members of TSFC. The Act authorizes TSFC to issue an aggregate principal amount of bonds not to exceed \$4,200,000,000, excluding refunding bonds (plus the financing costs associated therewith) to purchase all or a portion of the State's share of the Tobacco Settlement Revenues available pursuant to the Master Settlement Agreement (the "MSA") entered into by the State. The MSA provides for the states that are party to the MSA to settle all their past, present, and future smoking related claims against certain tobacco companies in exchange for, among other things, an agreement by those certain tobacco companies to make payments to the states that are signatory to the MSA. In June 2003 TSFC issued \$2,310,705,000 of bonds and in December 2003 TSFC issued \$2,240,415,000 of bonds.

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The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is charged with the coordination and development of comprehensive,

balanced transportation policies and plans for New York State. It is concerned with development and operation of such transportation facilities as highways, mass transit systems, railroad passenger and freight services, and marine and aviation facilities.

To help plan its transportation development and maintenance program, the Department maintains basic inventories of highway facilities and usage and selected information on air, rail, bus, and waterway facilities and travels. With respect to highway information, the Department annually updates inventory of traffic volume and physical condition data for the 15,000-mile State highway system. These statistics appear in the Traffic Volume Report and in the Highway Sufficiency Report.

**Statistical Series:**

**Bridge Records:** Inventory of more than 19,500 State and local bridges by location, amount of traffic, design loads, posted load limits, condition ratings, etc.

Price: \$11.00

Available from: New York State Department of Transportation

Frequency: Daily

Area covered: New York State

**Highway Physical Inventory:** Location, physical features and condition data over time for all highway sections on the State Touring Route Highway System

In: Highway Sufficiency Report

Price: hard copy \$10.00; digital file \$10.00

Available from: New York State Department of Transportation

Areas covered: Statewide, County, and highway section

**Highway Mileage Report for New York State:** Number of miles of State, city, village, and town or county highways aggregated by minor civil division within each county.

Price: \$6.00

Available from: New York State Department of Transportation

Frequency: Annually

Area covered: Cities, towns, villages, and counties

Summary Only: [www.nysdot.gov/portal/page/portal/divisions/engineering/technical-services/highway-data-services/highway-mileage-summary](http://www.nysdot.gov/portal/page/portal/divisions/engineering/technical-services/highway-data-services/highway-mileage-summary)

**Traffic Data Report:** Annual average daily traffic for each segment of State highway; data based on periodic traffic counts, adjusted for seasonality. Includes, for each highway segment, latest traffic volume and up to three previous traffic volumes.

Price: hard copy \$10.00; digital file — free download

Frequency: Annually

Available from: New York State Department of Transportation

Area covered: Counties and DOT regions

Full volume: [www.nysdot.gov/portal/page/portal/divisions/engineering/technical-services/highway-data-services/traffic-data](http://www.nysdot.gov/portal/page/portal/divisions/engineering/technical-services/highway-data-services/traffic-data)

**Annual Report on Public Transportation Assistance Programs in New York State:** Reports on economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of state transit operating assistance programs. Documents trend in transit ridership and service as well as recent accomplishments of various state and federal transit assistance programs that NYS-DOT administers.

Price: hard copy or digital file — free

Available from: New York State Department of Transportation

Frequency: Annually

Area covered: New York State

Full volume: [www.nysdot.gov/portal/page/portal/divisions/policy-and-strategy/transit-bureau/public-transportation/reports-publications#B](http://www.nysdot.gov/portal/page/portal/divisions/policy-and-strategy/transit-bureau/public-transportation/reports-publications#B)

Statistical Series available from New York State Department of Transportation may be obtained from the Support Services Bureau,

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The Judiciary is one of the three branches of government. Article VI of the State Constitution establishes a unified court system, defines the organization and jurisdiction of the courts, governs the manner of selecting and removing judges and provides for the administrative supervision of the courts by a Chief Administrator of the Courts, on behalf of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

The function of the courts is to provide a forum for the fair and prompt resolution of civil claims and family disputes, criminal charges and charges of juvenile delinquency and disputes between citizens and governmental units. The courts also supervise the management of trusts and estates and determine the sufficiency of wills, adoptions, divorce applications and other similar matters required to be submitted to them. They provide legal protection for children, mentally ill persons and others entitled by law to the special protection of the court. They regulate the admission of lawyers to the Bar and their conduct and discipline.

The New York State court system is one of the largest and busiest in the Western World. There are approximately 1,200 state-paid judges and 2,300 town and village justices, as well as over 16,000 nonjudicial employees. Pursuant to the Unified Court Budget Act of 1976, the cost of operating the unified court system, excluding town and village courts, has been borne entirely by the State since April 1, 1980. Local governments (counties and cities) remain responsible for providing and maintaining court facilities.

The jurisdiction of each court is established by Article VI of the Constitution or by statute. Generally, misdemeanors, violations and minor civil matters are within the jurisdiction of the trial courts of limited jurisdiction (see chart at end of this discussion). These courts are also responsible for presiding over arraignments and other preliminary proceedings in felony cases.

The Supreme Court, which functions in the 12 judicial districts of the State, is the statewide trial court for major civil actions. In New York City and some other parts of the State, the Supreme Court also exercises jurisdiction over charges of felonies.

The Court of Claims has jurisdiction over civil claims against the State.

There are three county-level courts. The County Court (as established in counties outside New York City) has jurisdiction over all felonies once arraignment and other preliminary proceedings are completed in the lower courts, and over indictments returned by a grand jury. It has jurisdiction over civil matters involving claims of up to \$25,000. The Family Court has jurisdiction over offenses by juveniles, offenses within the family and support and other proceedings involving child welfare and the family. The Surrogate's Court has jurisdiction over the probate of wills and the administration of estates. Both Family Court and Surrogate's Court have jurisdiction over adoptions.

Generally, misdemeanors, violations, and minor civil matters are within the jurisdiction of the trial courts of limited jurisdiction. These courts consist of the Civil Court of the City of New York, the Criminal Court of the City of New York, district courts (established in Nassau County and the five western towns of Suffolk County), city courts and town and village courts.

The Civil Court of the City of New York has jurisdiction over civil actions involving amounts of \$25,000 or less and other civil matters referred to it by the Supreme Court. The Criminal Court of the City of New York has jurisdiction over misdemeanors and violations and conducts arraignments and preliminary hearings in felony cases.

District courts, city courts and town and village courts, all of which are outside of New York City, have essentially the same criminal jurisdiction as the New York City Criminal Court and handle minor civil cases (district courts — up to \$15,000; city courts — up to \$15,000; town and village courts — up to \$3,000).

There are four Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court, one in each of the State's four judicial departments. Judicial departments consist of two or more judicial districts. The Appellate Divisions hear appeals from courts of superior jurisdiction. In the First and Second Departments, Appellate Terms have been established to hear appeals in cases originating in the Civil and Criminal Courts of the City of New York and civil and criminal cases originating in district, city, town and village courts. In the Second Department, the Appellate Terms also hear nonfelony appeals originating in the County Courts. In the Third and Fourth Departments, appeals from city, town and village courts are heard in the County Court. Appeals from the Appellate Terms and the County Court (sitting as an appellate court) are heard in the Appellate Divisions.

The Court of Appeals, the State's highest court, hears cases on appeal from the Appellate Divisions and in some instances from the courts of original jurisdiction. In most cases, its review is limited to questions of law. The Court also has jurisdiction to review administrative determinations in judicial disciplinary proceedings.

Ancillary services to the courts include the State Board of Law Examiners, attorney disciplinary programs and professional services such as the Mental Hygiene Legal Service, law guardian programs for the Family Court and the assignment of counsel to indigent adult defendants.

The Office of Court Administration provides the administrative services required to support all court and auxiliary operations. These include personnel and budget administration, program and planning support, educational programs for judges and nonjudicial personnel, equal employment opportunity programs, and other administrative support operations. Counsel's Office prepares and analyzes legislation and provides legal assistance to the Chief Administrative Judge.

#### Structure and Jurisdiction of New York State Courts

##### Appellate Court of Appeals

Courts Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court  
Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court  
County Courts (acting as appellate courts)

Trial Courts of Superior Jurisdiction	Statewide:	Supreme Court Court of Claims Family Court Surrogate's Court
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Outside New York City:	County Courts
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Trial Courts of Limited Jurisdiction	New York City:	Criminal Court of the City of New York Civil Court of the City of New York
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Outside New York City:	City Courts District Courts Town Courts Village Courts
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## Veterans' Affairs, Division of

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The New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs was created in 1945 to assist returning World War II servicemen and women in readjustment from military to civilian life. The legislation establishing the Division provided for a separate agency to oversee all matters concerning veterans, who in the past had found themselves shunted from department to department.

The Division of Veterans' Affairs provides benefits, counseling, and advocacy for New York's 1 million veterans and their families and survivors, as well as active duty military personnel and their families.

The heart of the State's veterans' program is the Division's free counseling service. Experienced and dedicated counselors — each a veteran — in a network of field offices across the state offer veterans professional help to resolve social, medical, and economic problems.

State Veterans Counselors assist the claimant — whether a veteran, spouse, child, or parent — in completing applications, obtaining necessary documentation, and filing for a broad spectrum of federal, State, local, and private veterans' benefits. Counselors also assist claimants in responding to follow-up correspondence and, when necessary, appealing an unfavorable ruling.

By working closely with other State, federal, local, and private agencies, the Division of Veterans' Affairs is able to utilize the expertise and resources of others in the community to help the veteran and his or her family with specific needs, such as economic, employment, rehabilitation, medical treatment, home health care, education, and tax exemption.

In its leadership role, the Division has a responsibility for planning and coordinating services within the community, and works closely with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other state agencies to accomplish this goal. The Division has strived to sensitize governmental and private agencies to the special problems and needs of veterans, particularly those men and women who served in combat and whose social, medical, and mental problems are often specifically rooted in war-time experiences.

The Division also administers a Blind Annuity program that provides a monthly stipend to more than 4,500 visually impaired veterans and eligible surviving spouses, and oversees the Veterans Education Bureau, which investigates and certifies post-secondary educational and vocational institutions as providing legitimate and quality education for veterans seeking to utilize their federal education benefits to attend such facilities.

A toll-free information and referral hotline — 888-VETS-NYS (1-888-838-7697) — is available to refer veterans and their families to the nearest State Veteran Counseling Office. The Division has also established an Internet web site at [www.veterans.state.ny.us](http://www.veterans.state.ny.us).

## Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor

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The Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor was created in 1953, by a Compact between the States of New York and New Jersey, to improve waterfront labor conditions and eliminate criminal and corrupt practices in the Port of New York-New Jersey. To accomplish and maintain these reforms, the Commission investigates waterfront practices and criminal activity, registers and licenses various waterfront personnel and firms, balances dock worker forces with the needs of steamship and freight-moving companies, oversees hiring of pier workers, offers workers reliable information on employment opportunities and prohibits criminal persons from holding positions in pier labor unions. In addition, the Commission has police authority in both states to enforce its regulations and to bring violators to justice. It also is authorized to seek data and assistance from other agencies in both states and the Federal government in carrying out its functions.

The agency is headed by two Commissioners, appointed in each state by the Governor, with the consent of the State Senate, for a three-year term. Seven divisions carry out its functions: Executive, Law, Licensing and Employment Information Centers, Police, Audit and Control, Information Technology and Administration. The Waterfront Commission receives its revenues from authorized assessments from employers of Commission registered and licensed waterfront workers.

The Commission publishes an Annual Report, which presents statistics on license applications and revocations, monthly hirings of pier workers, agency finances, arrests and court proceedings, registrations and removal of workers from registration lists. It also highlights agency progress and achievements.

## Workers' Compensation Board

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The Workers' Compensation Board is responsible for equitably and fairly administering the provisions of the New York State Workers' Compensation Law, including Workers' Compensation Benefits, Disability Benefits, Volunteer Firefighters' Benefits, Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Benefits, and Volunteer Civil Defense Workers' Benefits Law on behalf of our customers, New York's injured workers and their employers.

The Board has district offices in Hauppauge, Hempstead, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Peekskill, Albany, Binghamton, Syracuse, Rochester, and Buffalo, as well as 30 service centers located across the state. The Board's principal offices are in Albany.

The primary types of workers' compensation data collected relate to the number of accidents reported, hearings held, and cases assembled, as well as data regarding types of accidents, nature and extent of disabilities, and the amount of the benefits. Some statistics are also maintained regarding the number of employers and employees covered and the amount of benefits paid for non-job related disabilities, as well as the Special Fund for Disability Benefits (for the eligible unemployed).

### Statistical Series:

**Accidents Reported:** Job-related accidents reported to the Board, data for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers included.

In: Highlights  
Frequency: Monthly  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1959 to present

**Cases Assembled:** New cases assembled and old cases reopened, data for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers included.

In: Highlights  
Frequency: Monthly  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1959 to present

**Hearings Held:** Number of hearings, trial and motion calendar, by outcome (adjourned, continued, or closed) for workers' compensation, volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers, and disability benefits hearings (continued and closed).

In: W.C. Law Judges' Activity — Cumulative Comparison Report  
Frequency: Monthly  
Area covered: New York State and Workers' Compensation Districts  
Published: 1966 to present

**Cases Closed:** By Law Judges.

In: W.C. Law Judges' Activity — Cumulative Comparison Report  
Frequency: Monthly  
Area covered: New York State and Workers' Compensation Districts  
Data available: 1966 to present

**Compensated Cases Closed:** Number and cost; type of accident; nature of injury; extent of disability; part of body injured; industry; and occupation, age, sex, and earnings of injured workers.

Frequency: Annually  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1946 to 1989 (Some data for 1945)

**Disability Benefits:** Off-the-job disabilities of employees, including number of initial indemnity benefit claims allowed, amount and duration of benefits, average number of employees covered, amount of covered payrolls, claim rates, payments per covered employee, average payment per claim, and amount of medical, hospital, and surgical benefits.

In: Claim Statistics  
Area covered: New York State  
Published: 1951 to 1990

## Youth, Division for

See: Children and Family Services, Office of