

# THE CITIZENS' GUIDE

A Pocket Reference to New York State's Finances

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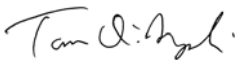
Dear Fellow New Yorker:

As New York's chief financial officer, I want to make information about the State's finances as understandable and available to as many New Yorkers as possible.

This guide is just one of my efforts to make information accessible to all New Yorkers. You can find much more information about New York's State and local governments on my website: [www.osc.state.ny.us](http://www.osc.state.ny.us).

I hope you find this guide helpful.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. DiNapoli  
State Comptroller



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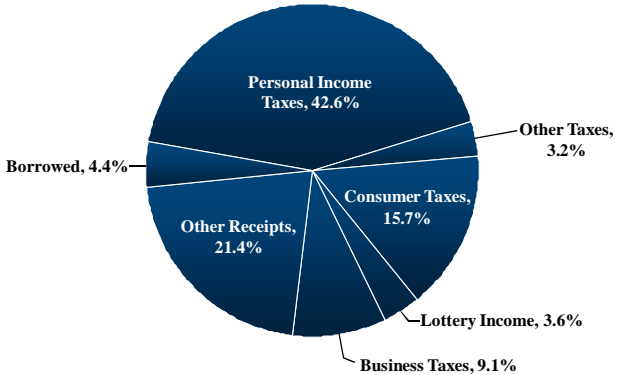
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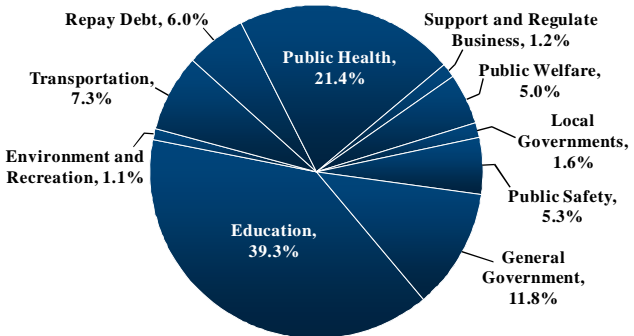
# STATE FUNDS 2009-2010

The State Collected and Borrowed \$81.7 Billion

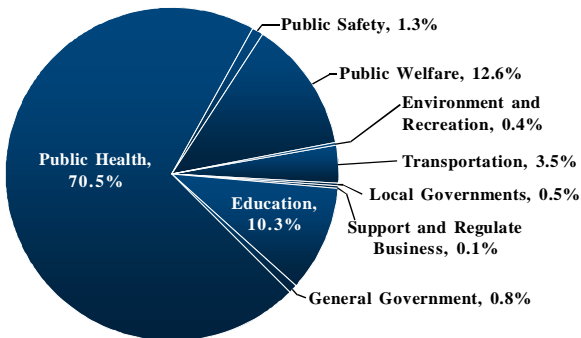


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The State Spent \$82.2 Billion

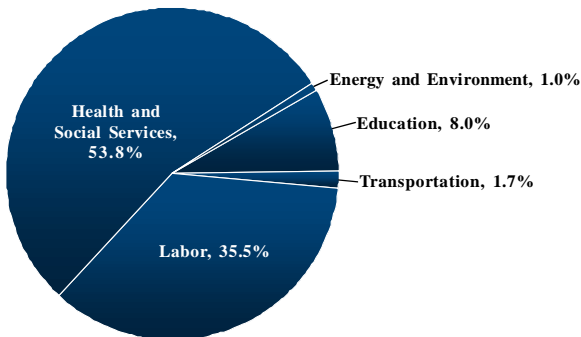


## The State Spent \$44.7 Billion from the Federal Government



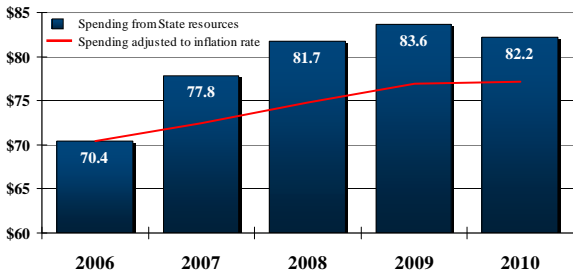
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## The State Spent \$13.5 Billion of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds



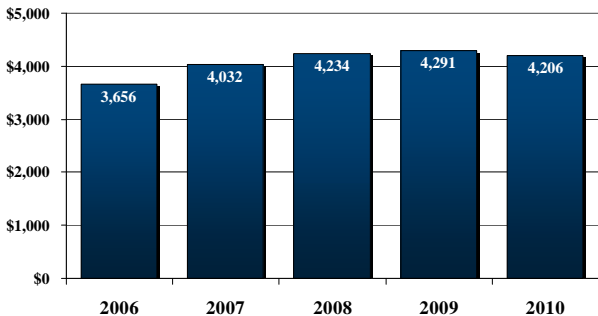
## Total Spending from State Resources

*figures in billions*



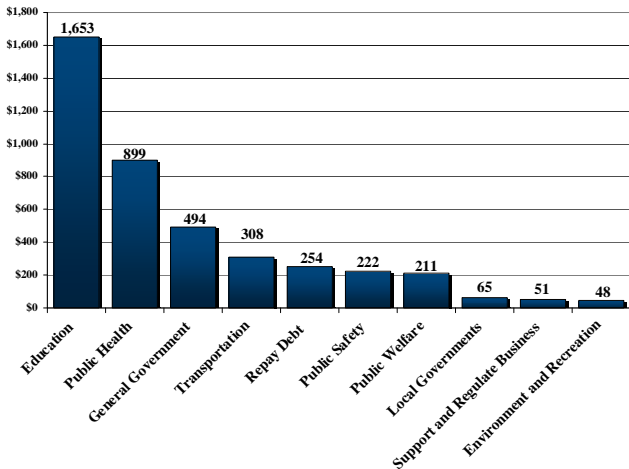
*Since 2006, spending from State resources increased 16.8%. Inflation-adjusted spending increased 9.5% over the same period.*

## Total State Spending from State Resources per Person



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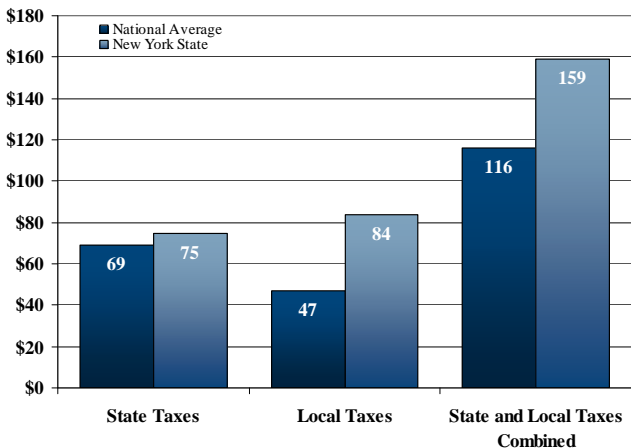
## Total Spending from State Resources per Person by Program for 2009-2010



*Spending for Education and Public Health account for 60.7% of total spending from State resources.*

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## Taxes per \$1,000 of Personal Income



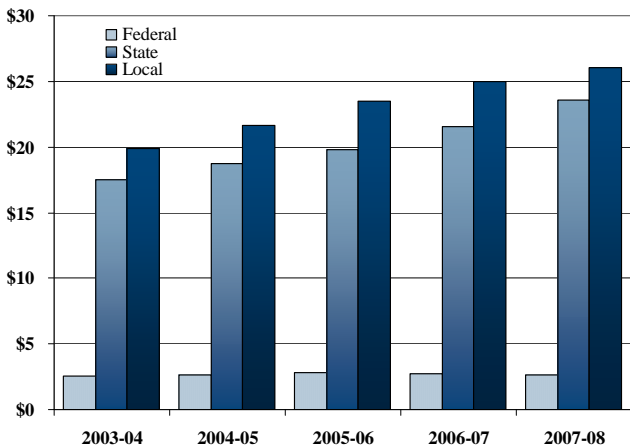
*Local taxes in New York are 78.7% above the national average, while State taxes are 8.7% above the national average.*



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## Education Funding Sources

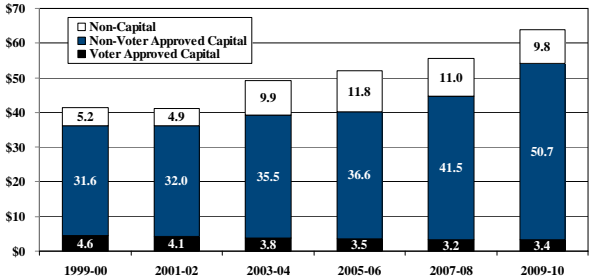
*figures in billions*



*In 2007-08, support for public elementary and secondary schools came from Federal, State and local sources in the amount of \$2.6 billion, \$23.6 billion and \$26 billion, respectively.*

## State-Funded Debt

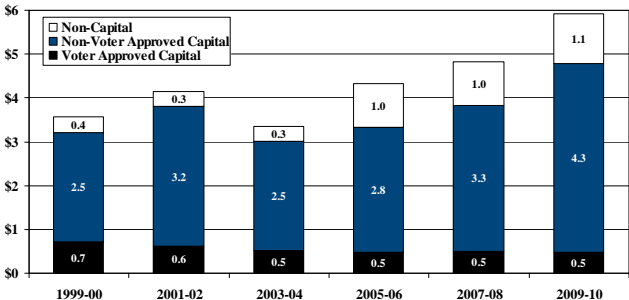
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*State-funded debt increased 54.3% since 2000. Non-voter approved capital debt accounted for 79.3% of the State-funded debt outstanding in 2009-10.*

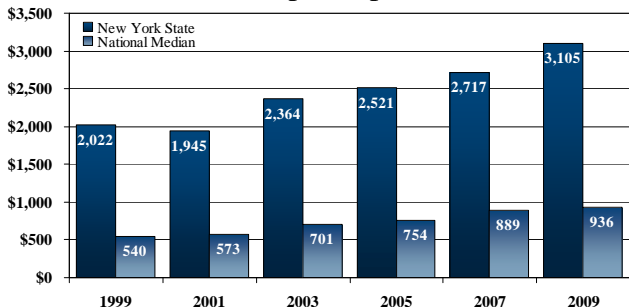
## The Cost of New York State's Debt

figures in billions



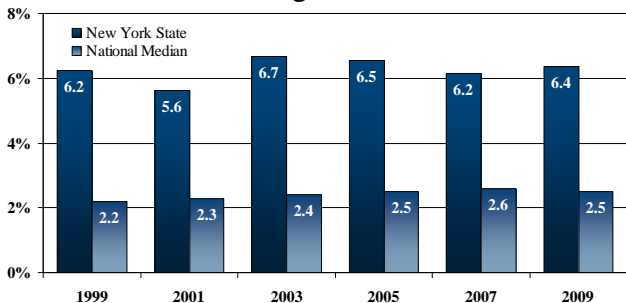
*Debt service costs have increased 63.9% since 2000.*

## Debt per Capita



*New York's debt per capita is over three times the national median.*

## Debt as a Percentage of Personal Income

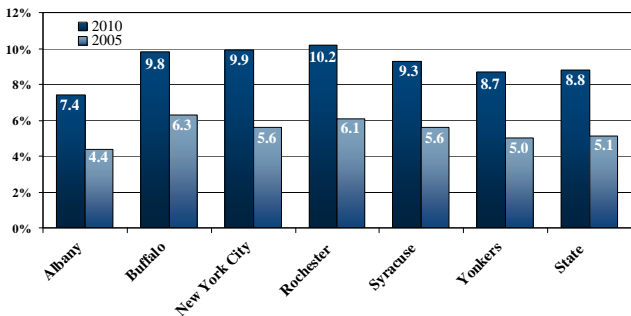


*New York has more than twice as much debt as a percent of personal income than the national median.*

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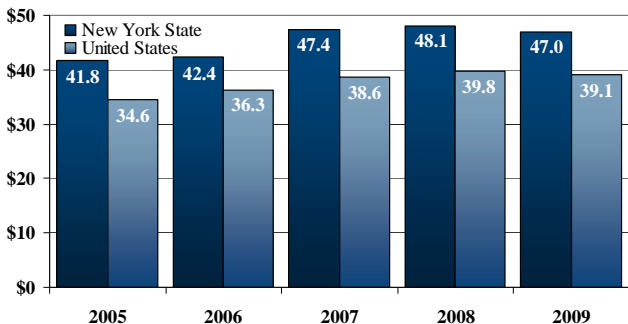
## Change in Unemployment by Major Area

*(comparison of 2005 and 2010)*



## Personal Income per Person, N.Y. vs. U.S.

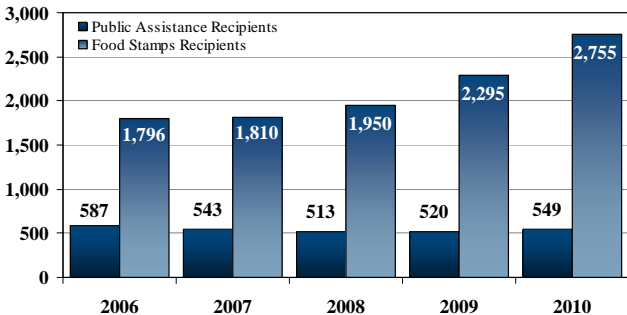
*figures in thousands*



*Since 2005, personal income has grown more slowly (12.4%) in New York than in the nation as a whole.*

## Recipients of Public Assistance and Food Stamps

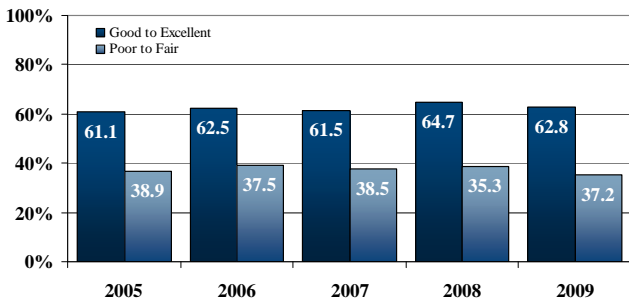
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## Highway Condition Rating in New York

*as a percentage of total lane miles*

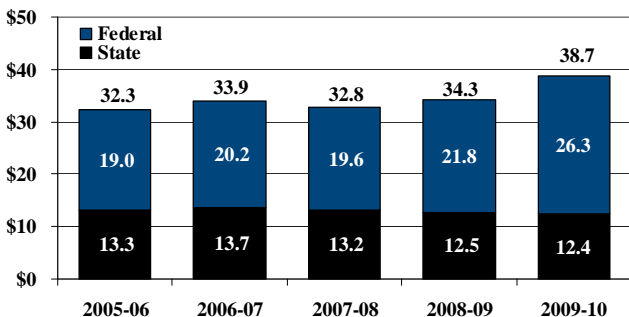


*The State is responsible for maintaining more than 42,500 lane miles of highway.*

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## Medicaid Costs

*figures in billions*



*Since 2005-06, the State's Medicaid costs have decreased by 6.8%. The Federal government's costs for New York increased 38.4% over the same period.*

# State Revenues 2009-2010\*

(with changes from previous year)

<b>PERSONAL INCOME TAX</b>	<b>\$34.7 Billion (-5.7%)</b>
<b>BUSINESS TAXES</b>	<b>\$7.5 Billion (-1.3%)</b>
Corporation Franchise .....	\$2.5 Billion (-21.9%)
Corporation and Utilities .....	\$953 Million (10.4%)
Insurance .....	\$1.5 Billion (25%)
Bank .....	\$1.4 Billion (16.7%)
Petroleum Business .....	\$1.1 Billion (0%)
<b>LOTTERY INCOME, VLT, CASINO</b>	<b>\$3 Billion (7.1%)</b>
<b>BORROWING</b>	<b>\$3.6 Billion (5.9%)</b>
<b>CONSUMER TAXES</b>	<b>\$12.9 Billion (-2.3%)</b>
Sales Tax .....	\$10.5 Billion (-4.5%)
Cigarette/Tobacco Products .....	\$1.4 Billion (7.7%)
Motor Fuel .....	\$507 Million (0.6%)
Alcoholic Beverages .....	\$226 Million (9.7%)
Highway Use .....	\$137 Million (-2.8%)
Auto Rentals .....	\$76 Million (24.6%)
MCTD Taxicab Ride .....	\$13 Million (100%)
<b>OTHER TAXES</b>	<b>\$2.6 Billion (36.8%)</b>
Estate and Gift .....	\$866 Million (-27.8%)
Pari-mutuel .....	\$19 Million (-17.4%)
Real Estate Transfer .....	\$493 Million (-29.7%)
MCTD Mobility .....	\$1.2 Billion (100%)
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>\$17.4 Billion (15.2%)</b>
Student Tuition and Fees .....	\$2.5 Billion (8.7%)
Hospital Patient Fees .....	\$1.8 Billion (12.5%)
Abandoned Property .....	\$569 Million (-17.8%)
Regulatory Assessments .....	\$3 Billion (57.9%)
Public Asset Sale/Nonprofit Conversion .....	\$95 Million (-59.2%)
Transfers from Public Goods Pool .....	\$3.8 Billion (15.2%)
Miscellaneous .....	\$5.6 Billion (8.6%)

\*State Funds only



# State Spending 2009-2010\*

(with changes from previous year)

<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$32.3 Billion (-3.9%)</b>
Public Schools .....	\$20 Billion (-11%)
School Tax Relief (STAR) .....	\$3.4 Billion (6.2%)
State University of New York .....	\$6.2 Billion (6.9%)
City University of New York .....	\$1.6 Billion (45.5%)
Tuition Assistance Program .....	\$847 Million (4.3%)
Higher Education Services Corporation .....	\$132 Million (51.7%)
Cultural Programs .....	\$46 Million (-6.1%)
<b>SCHOOL TAX PLUS</b>	<b>\$2 Billion (-99.8%)</b>
(STAR Rebate Checks)	
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	<b>\$17.6 Billion (-4.3%)</b>
Health and Mental Health Services .....	\$5.2 Billion (-10.3%)
Medical Assistance (Medicaid) .....	\$12.4 Billion (-1.6%)
<b>PUBLIC WELFARE</b>	<b>\$4.1 Billion (0%)</b>
Public Welfare .....	\$3.7 Billion (2.8%)
Public Housing .....	\$235 Million (1.3%)
Employment Services .....	\$199 Million (-10%)
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$4.3 Billion (7.5%)</b>
Criminal Justice .....	\$1.3 Billion (8.3%)
Emergency Management .....	\$119 Million (0.8%)
Prisons/Reformatories .....	\$2.9 Billion (7.4%)
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$6 Billion (15.4%)</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENT/RECREATION</b>	<b>\$939 Million (-6.1%)</b>
Environmental Protection .....	\$561 Million (-8.5%)
Parks, Recreation .....	\$378 Million (-9.4%)
<b>SUPPORT/REGULATE BUSINESS</b>	<b>\$1 Billion (-9.1%)</b>
<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$1.3 Billion (0%)</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$9.6 Billion (4.3%)</b>
<b>REPAY DEBT</b>	<b>\$5 Billion (11.1%)</b>

\*State Funds only

# Federal Grants Received and Disbursed 2009-2010

*(with changes from previous year)*

<b>RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$45.5 Billion (17.3%)</b>
<b>DISBURSED</b>	
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$4.6 Billion (24.3%)</b>
Public Schools .....	\$4.2 Billion (20%)
State University of New York .....	\$311 Million (51%)
City University of New York .....	\$14 Million (100%)
Tuition Assistance Program .....	\$62 Million (675%)
Higher Education Services Corporation .....	\$4 Million (0%)
Cultural Programs .....	\$1 Million (100%)
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	<b>\$31.5 Billion (20.2%)</b>
Health and Mental Health Services .....	\$5.2 Billion (15.6%)
Medical Assistance (Medicaid) .....	\$26.3 Billion (21.2%)
<b>PUBLIC WELFARE</b>	<b>\$5.6 Billion (3.7%)</b>
Public Welfare .....	\$5 Billion (2%)
Public Housing .....	\$13 Million (-13.3%)
Employment Services .....	\$574 Million (31.1%)
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$579 Million (44.8%)</b>
Criminal Justice .....	\$374 Million (83.3%)
Emergency Management .....	\$184 Million (21.1%)
Prisons/Reformatories .....	\$21 Million (-52.3%)
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$1.6 Billion (6.7%)</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENT/RECREATION</b>	<b>\$201 Million (14.9%)</b>
Environmental Protection .....	\$192 Million (17.1%)
Parks, Recreation .....	\$9 Million (-18.2%)
<b>SUPPORT/REGULATE BUSINESS</b>	<b>\$11 Million (-15.4%)</b>
<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$229 Million (97.4%)</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$338 Million (-7.1%)</b>

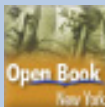
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This easy-to-use website gives taxpayers unprecedented access to the financial information of State and local governments. It contains searchable databases of spending for nearly 100 State agencies and 3,100 local governments, displays more than 60,000 active State contracts, tracks New York's federal stimulus spending, and much more.

These databases can help you find out how much State agencies spend on everything from travel and utilities to telephones and outside consultants. Taxpayers can also identify who is doing business with the State.

Check out *Open Book New York* at  
[www.openbooknewyork.com](http://www.openbooknewyork.com)



All data in this *Citizens' Guide* was compiled by the Office of the State Comptroller. More detailed data is presented in other publications of the Comptroller's Office, including the Comptroller's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.

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