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to New York State's  
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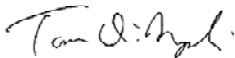
Dear Fellow New Yorker:

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*.

I hope you find this guide helpful.

Sincerely,



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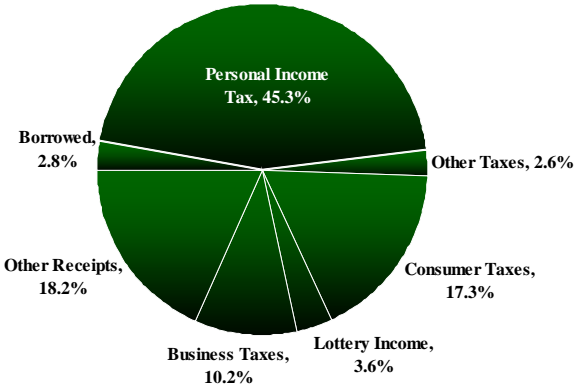
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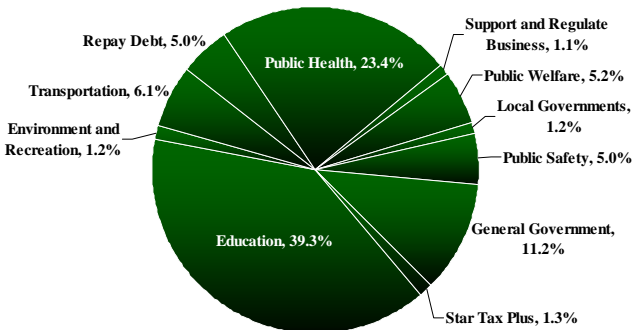
# STATE FUNDS 2007-2008

The State Collected and Borrowed \$80.8 Billion



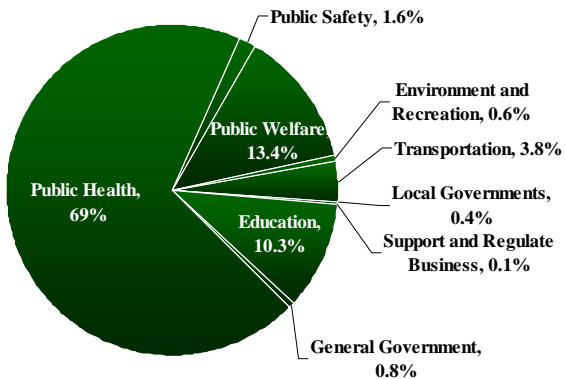
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The State Spent \$81.7 Billion



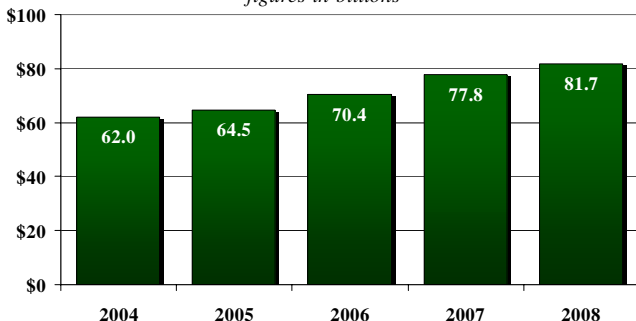
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## The State Spent \$34.3 Billion from the Federal Government



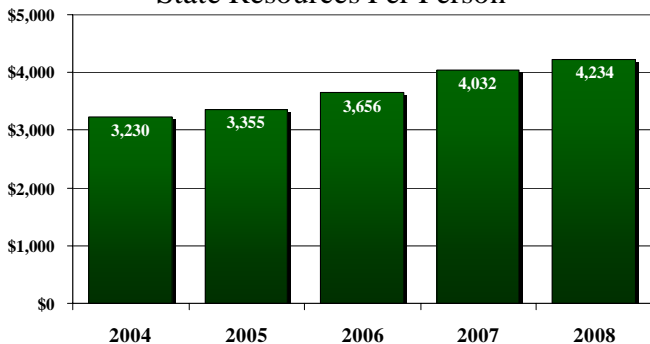
## Total Spending from State Resources

*figures in billions*



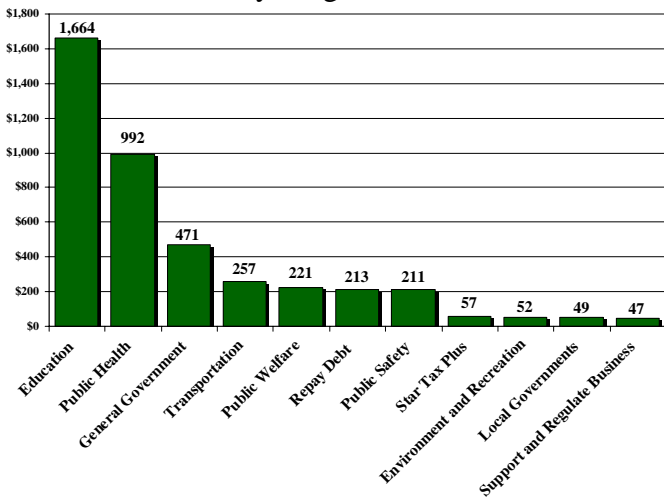
*Since 2004, spending from State resources increased faster (31.8%) than inflation (13.3%).*

## Total State Spending from State Resources Per Person



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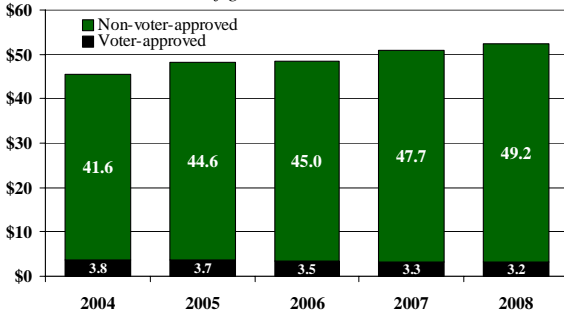
## Total Spending from State Resources Per Person by Program for 2007-2008



*Spending for Education and Public Health account for 63% of total spending from State Resources.*

## State-Funded Debt

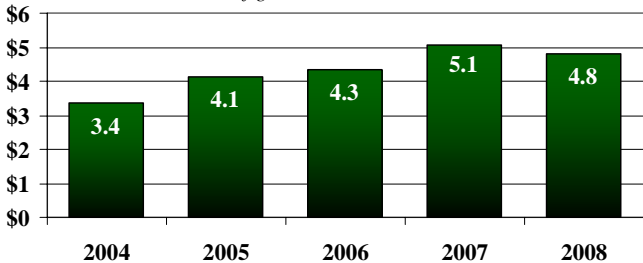
*figures in billions*



*Voter-approved debt has decreased from 8.4% of total State-funded debt outstanding in 2004 to 6.1% in 2008.*

## The Cost of New York State's Debt

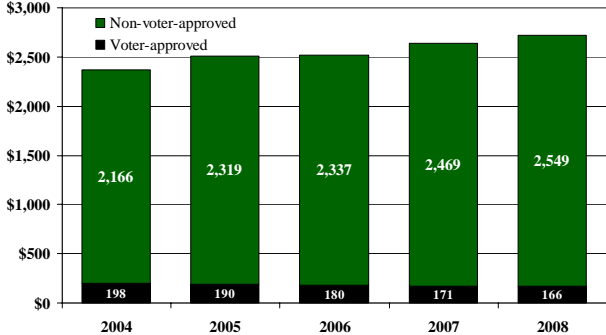
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*Debt service costs have increased 41% from 2004.*



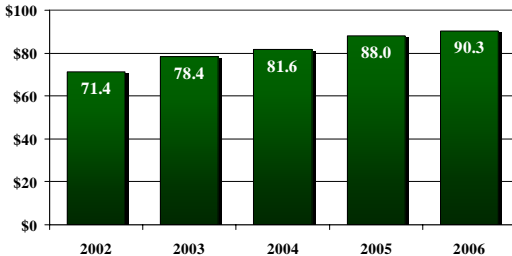
## State-Funded Debt Per Person



*Debt per capita has increased nearly 15% since 2004.  
New York is fifth in the nation for debt per capita.*

## Local Government Debt

*figures in billions*

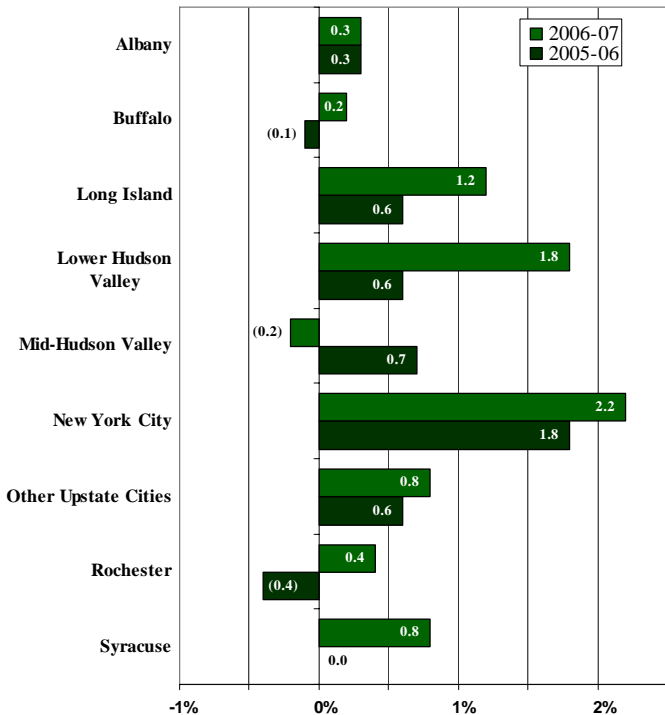


*Debt issued by local governments has increased nearly \$18.9 billion (27%) between 2002 and 2006.*

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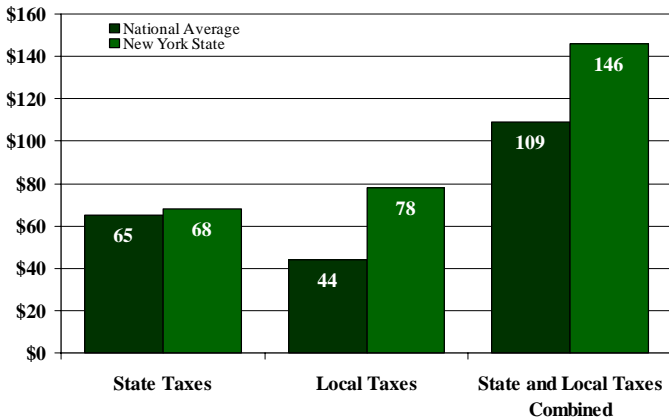
## Change in Employment by Major Area

*(comparison of 2006 and 2007)*



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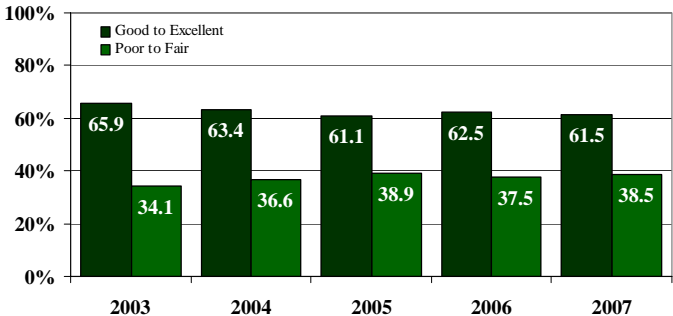
## Taxes Per \$1,000 of Personal Income



*Local taxes in New York are 77% above the national average. State taxes are slightly above the national average.*

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## Highway Condition Rating in New York *as a percent of total lane miles*

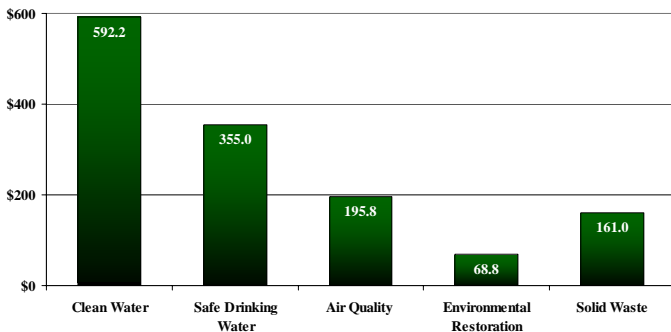


*The State is responsible for maintaining more than 42,000 lane miles of highway.*

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## 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act Disbursements

*figures in millions*

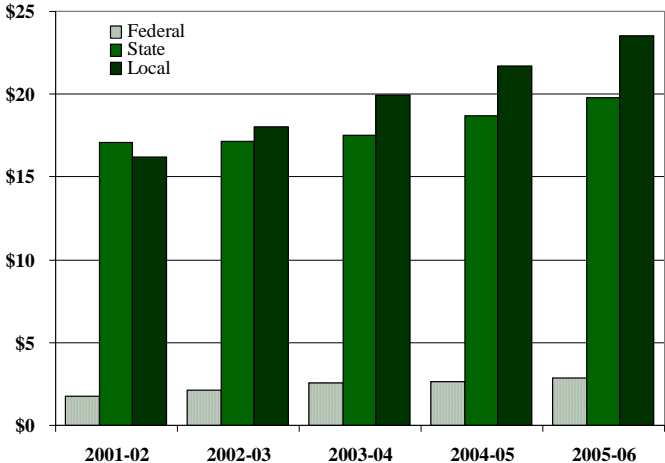


*Since 1996, nearly \$1.4 billion has been disbursed through the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act.*

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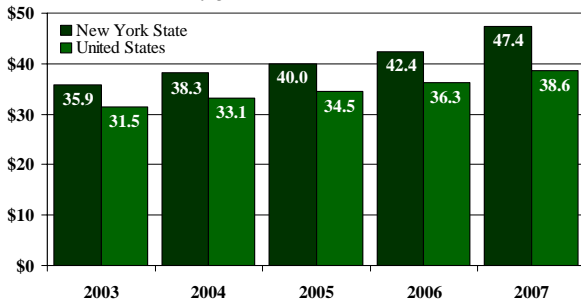
## Education Funding Sources

*figures in billions*



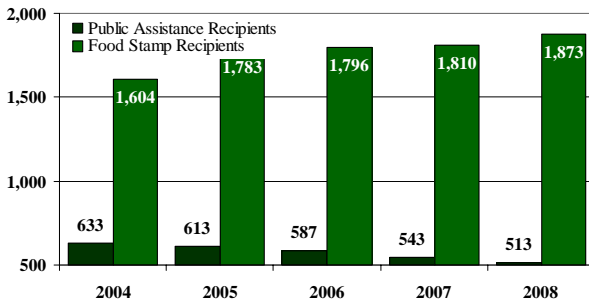
*In 2005-06, support for public elementary and secondary schools came from local, State and federal sources in the amount of \$23.5 billion, \$19.8 billion and \$2.8 billion, respectively.*

## Personal Income Per Person, N.Y. vs. U.S. *figures in thousands*



*Since 2003, personal income has grown faster (32%) in New York than the nation as a whole (23%).*

## Recipients of Public Assistance and Food Stamps *figures in thousands*



# State Revenues 2007-2008\*

(with changes from previous year)

<b>PERSONAL INCOME TAX</b>	<b>\$36.6 Billion (5.8%)</b>
<b>BUSINESS TAXES</b>	<b>\$8.2 Billion (-4.4%)</b>
Corporation Franchise .....	\$4 Billion (-5.5%)
Corporation and Utilities .....	\$802 Million (-2.2%)
Insurance .....	\$1.2 Billion (-3.1%)
Bank .....	\$1.1 Billion (-12.6%)
Petroleum Business .....	\$1.1 Billion (6.0%)
<b>LOTTERY INCOME, VLT, CASINO</b>	<b>\$2.9 Billion (11.2%)</b>
<b>BORROWING</b>	<b>\$2.3 Billion (5.5%)</b>
<b>CONSUMER TAXES</b>	<b>\$14 Billion (3.7%)</b>
Sales Tax .....	\$11.3 Billion (5.2%)
Motor Vehicle Fees .....	\$748 Million (-2.7%)
Cigarette/Tobacco Products .....	\$976 Million (-0.9%)
Motor Fuel .....	\$525 Million (2.3%)
Alcoholic Beverage .....	\$253 Million (0.4%)
Highway Use .....	\$148 Million (-3.3%)
Auto Rental .....	\$47 Million (4.4%)
<b>OTHER TAXES</b>	<b>\$2.1 Billion (-0.7%)</b>
Estate and Gift .....	\$1.1 Billion (-1.5%)
Parimutuel .....	\$24 Million (14.3%)
Real Estate Transfer .....	\$1.0 Billion (-0.1%)
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>\$14.7 Billion (9.2%)</b>
Student Tuition and Fees .....	\$2.1 Billion (1.3%)
Hospital Patient Fees .....	\$1.5 Billion (-6.4%)
Abandoned Property .....	\$686 Million (-2.1%)
Regulatory Assessments .....	\$1.5 Billion (-6.1%)
Public Asset Sale/Nonprofit Conversion .....	\$1 Billion (100%)
Transfers from Public Goods Pool .....	\$3 Billion (2.7%)
Miscellaneous .....	\$4.9 Billion (2.6%)



# State Spending 2007-2008\*

(with changes from previous year)

<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$32.1 Billion (8.0%)</b>
Public Schools .....	\$20.9 Billion (9.6%)
School Tax Relief (STAR) .....	\$3.6 Billion (7.2%)
State University of New York .....	\$5.5 Billion (4.9%)
City University of New York .....	\$1.1 Billion (3.4%)
Tuition Assistance Program .....	\$860 Million (-0.7%)
Higher Education Services Corporation .....	\$90 Million (1.1%)
Cultural Programs .....	\$55 Million (5.8%)
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<b>SCHOOL TAX PLUS</b>	<b>\$1.1 Billion (57.0%)</b>
(STAR Rebate Checks)	
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<b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	<b>\$19.2 Billion (-1.7%)</b>
Health and Mental Health Services .....	\$5.9 Billion (1.4%)
Medical Assistance (Medicaid) .....	\$13.3 Billion (-3.0%)
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<b>PUBLIC WELFARE</b>	<b>\$4.3 Billion (15.6%)</b>
Public Welfare .....	\$3.8 Billion (16.6%)
Public Housing .....	\$220 Million (11.1%)
Employment Services .....	\$215 Million (3.4%)
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<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$4.1 Billion (0.6%)</b>
Criminal Justice .....	\$1.2 Billion (5.6%)
Emergency Management .....	\$163 Million (-10.9%)
Prisons/Reformations .....	\$2.7 Billion (-0.7%)
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<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$4.9 Billion (15.6%)</b>
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<b>ENVIRONMENT/RECREATION</b>	<b>\$998 Million (8.5%)</b>
Environmental Protection .....	\$658 Million (12.9%)
Parks, Recreation .....	\$340 Million (0.9%)
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<b>SUPPORT/REGULATE BUSINESS</b>	<b>\$900 Million (50.3%)</b>
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<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$949 Million (-24.9%)</b>
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<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$9.1 Billion (3.9%)</b>
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<b>REPAY DEBT</b>	<b>\$4.1 Billion (-7.8%)</b>

\*State Funds only

# Federal Grants Received and Disbursed 2007-2008

*(with changes from previous year)*

<b>RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$34.9 Billion (-1.9%)</b>
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<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$3.5 Billion (-6.4%)</b>
Public Schools .....	\$3.3 Billion (-7.5%)
State University of New York .....	\$188 Million (12.6%)
Tuition Assistance Program .....	\$17 Million (142.9%)
Higher Education Services Corporation .....	\$3 Million (-50.0%)
Cultural Programs .....	\$1 Million (100%)
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<b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	<b>\$23.7 Billion (-1.7%)</b>
Health and Mental Health Services .....	\$4.1 Billion (6.5%)
Medical Assistance (Medicaid) .....	\$19.6 Billion (-3.3%)
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<b>PUBLIC WELFARE</b>	<b>\$4.6 Billion (-0.6%)</b>
Public Welfare .....	\$4.2 Billion (2.4%)
Public Housing .....	\$15 Million (0%)
Employment Services .....	\$416 Million (-7.6%)
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<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$550 Million (17.8%)</b>
Criminal Justice .....	\$182 Million (5.8%)
Emergency Management .....	\$335 Million (25.9%)
Prisons/Reformations .....	\$33 Million (13.8%)
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<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$1.3 Billion (0.7%)</b>
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<b>ENVIRONMENT/RECREATION</b>	<b>\$220 Million (12.8%)</b>
Environmental Protection .....	\$213 Million (13.9%)
Parks, Recreation .....	\$7 Million (0%)
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<b>SUPPORT/REGULATE BUSINESS</b>	<b>\$12 Million (-36.8%)</b>
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<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$121 Million (15.2%)</b>
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<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$277 Million (-4.2%)</b>

## Where do your tax dollars go?

New Yorkers should know how their tax dollars are spent. Now taxpayers can with a website launched by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli called *Open Book New York* ([www.openbooknewyork.com](http://www.openbooknewyork.com)).

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 more than 100 State agencies, displays more than 60,000 active State contracts 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 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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