

# 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 am committed to providing the people of New York with accurate information about our State's finances. You have a right to know how your tax dollars are being spent, as well as other facts that relate to the State's overall fiscal health. The more the people know, the better our government will be.

The Citizens' Guide presents key data about revenue, spending, debt, taxes and more in a convenient format. You can find much more information about New York State and its local governments on my website: [www.osc.state.ny.us](http://www.osc.state.ny.us).

I hope you find this guide helpful.

Sincerely,

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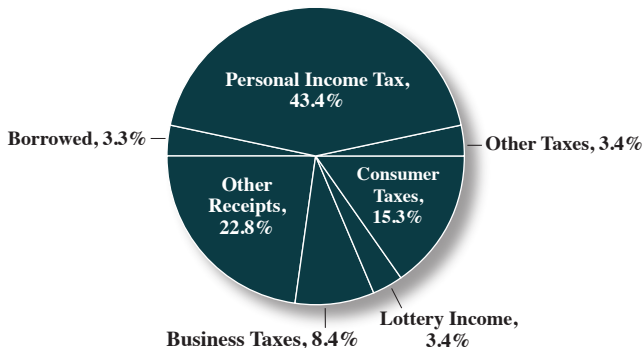
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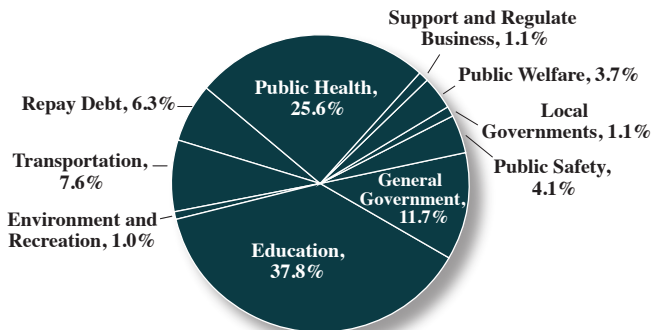
# STATE FUNDS 2014-2015

The State Collected and Borrowed \$100.6 Billion

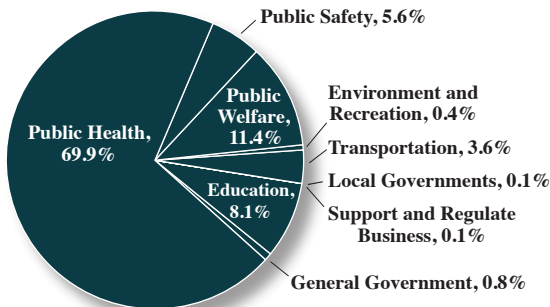


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The State Spent \$98.1 Billion

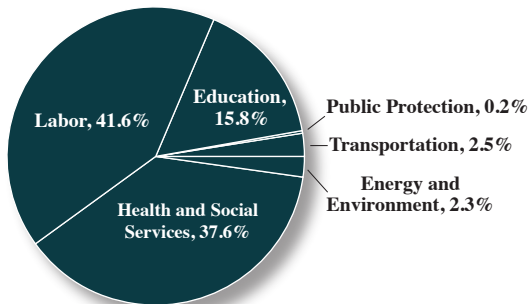


## The State Spent \$45.7 Billion from the Federal Government



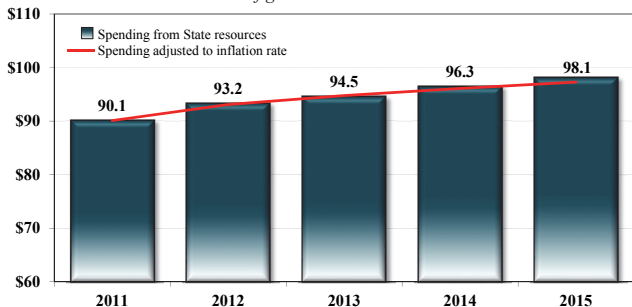
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## The State Has Spent \$40.6 Billion in Federal Stimulus Funds (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) from 2009 through 2015



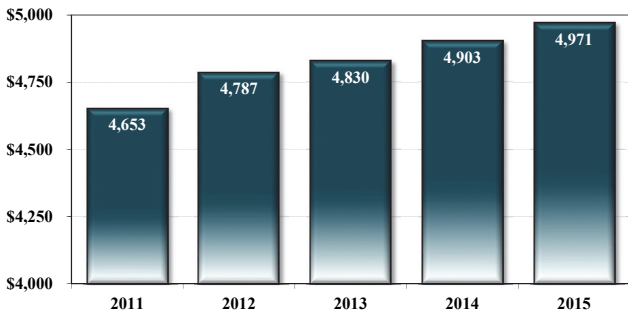
# Total Spending from State Resources

*figures in billions*



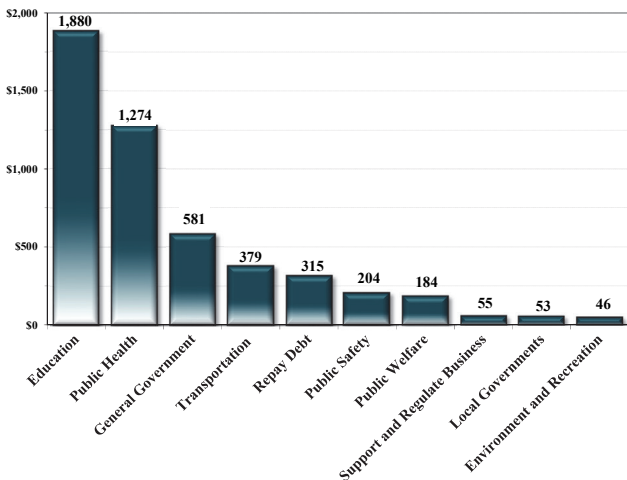
*Since 2011, spending from State resources increased 8.9%, or 0.8% after adjusting for inflation.*

## Total State Spending from State Resources per Person



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## Total Spending from State Resources per Person by Program for 2014-2015

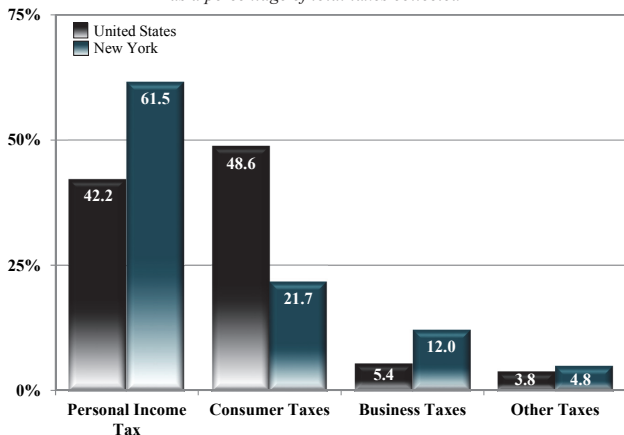


*Spending for Education and Public Health accounts for 63.4% of total spending from State resources.*

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## Tax Collections by Tax Type\*

*as a percentage of total taxes collected*



\*Fiscal year 2014

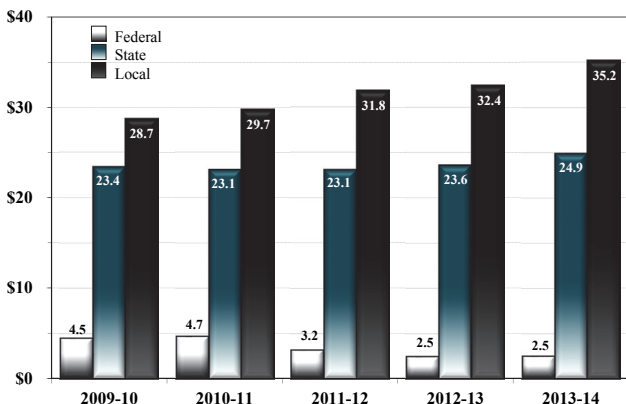
*In New York, the Personal Income Tax is the greatest source of tax revenue. The nation as a whole relies more heavily on Consumer Taxes.*



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## Education Funding Sources

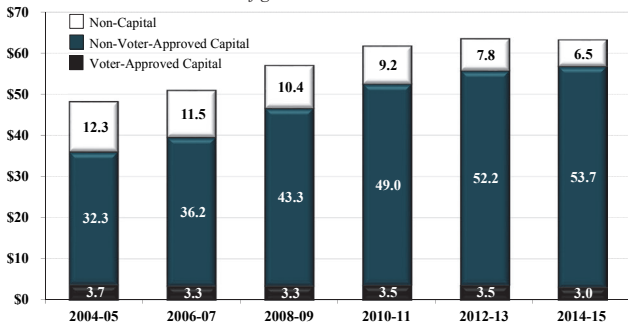
*figures in billions*



*Between 2009-10 and 2013-14, State support for public elementary and secondary schools increased by 6.4% and local support grew by 22.6%, while Federal support decreased by 44.4% over the same period.*

# State-Funded Debt

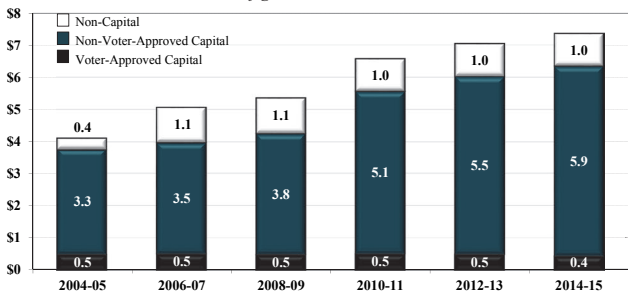
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*State-funded debt has increased 30.8% since 2005. Non-voter-approved capital debt accounted for 85% of the State-funded debt outstanding in 2014-15.*

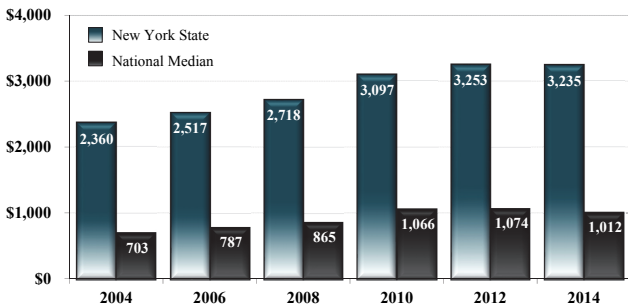
## The Cost of New York State's Debt Service

*figures in billions*



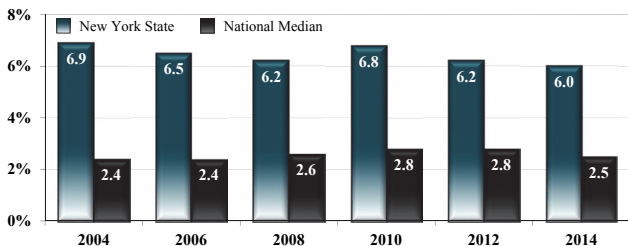
*Debt service costs have increased 73.8% since 2005.*

## State Debt per Capita



*In 2014, each New Yorker's share of the total State government debt was over three times the national median for states.*

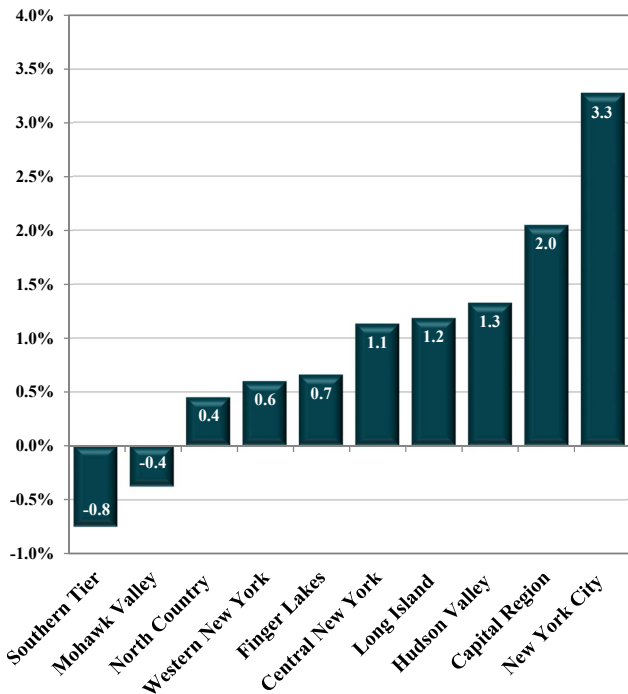
## State Debt as a Percentage of Personal Income



*New York has more than twice as much State debt as a percentage of personal income than the national median for states.*

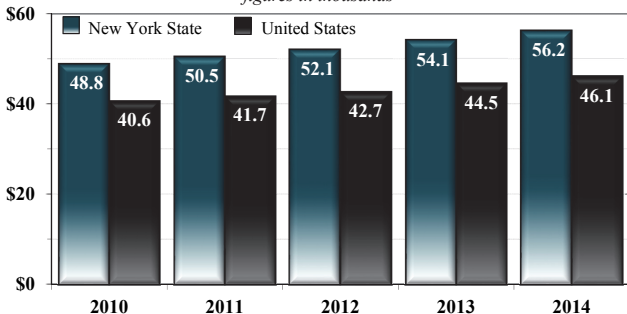
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## 2014 Employment Growth by Region



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

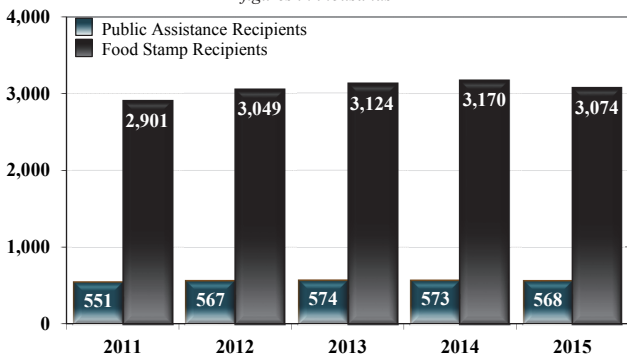
*figures in thousands*



*Since 2010, personal income has grown faster in New York (15.2%) than in the nation as a whole (13.5%).*

## Recipients of Public Assistance and Food Stamps

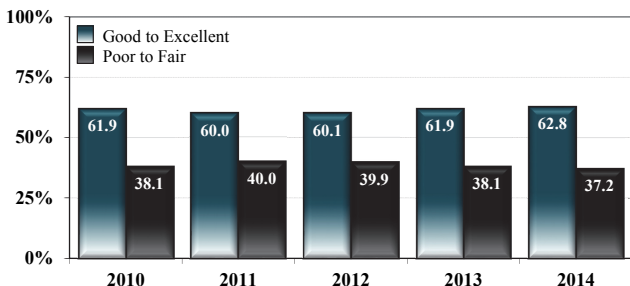
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## Highway Condition Ratings in New York

*as a percentage of total lane miles*

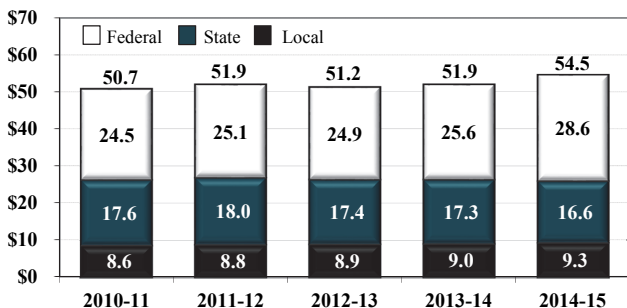


*The State is responsible for maintaining more than 42,700 lane miles of highway.*

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## Medicaid Costs\*

*figures in billions*



\*Unreconciled paid claims from the Department of Health

*Since 2011, State Medicaid costs have decreased by 5.7% while local Medicaid cost have increased by 8.1%. The federal government's costs for New York increased 16.7% over the same period.*

# State Revenues 2014-2015\*

*with changes from previous year*

<b>PERSONAL INCOME TAX</b>	<b>\$43.7 Billion (1.9%)</b>
<b>BUSINESS TAXES</b>	<b>\$8.5 Billion (2.4%)</b>
Corporation Franchise.....	\$3.6 Billion (-5.3%)
Corporation and Utilities.....	\$727 Million (-8.8%)
Insurance.....	\$1.5 Billion (7.1%)
Bank.....	\$1.5 Billion (36.4%)
Petroleum Business.....	\$1.2 Billion (0%)
<b>CONSUMER TAXES</b>	<b>\$15.4 Billion (2%)</b>
Sales and Use.....	\$13 Billion (3.2%)
Cigarette/Tobacco Products.....	\$1.3 Billion (-7.1%)
Motor Fuel.....	\$487 Million (3%)
Alcoholic Beverage.....	\$251 Million (0.4%)
Highway Use.....	\$140 Million (2.9%)
Auto Rental.....	\$119 Million (4.4%)
MCTD Taxicab Trip.....	\$82 Million (-3.5%)
<b>OTHER TAXES</b>	<b>\$3.4 Billion (0%)</b>
Estate and Gift.....	\$1.1 Billion (-15.4%)
Pari-Mutuel.....	\$18 Million (5.9%)
Real Estate Transfer.....	\$1 Billion (9.8%)
MCTD Mobility.....	\$1.3 Billion (8.3%)
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>\$22.9 Billion (29.4%)</b>
Tuition.....	\$2.2 Billion (4.8%)
Revenues of State Departments.....	\$3.5 Billion (2.9%)
Regulatory Assessments.....	\$7.5 Billion (10.3%)
Fees, Licenses and Permits.....	\$3.3 Billion (6.5%)
Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures.....	\$5 Billion (417.1%)
Miscellaneous.....	\$1.4 Billion (0%)
<b>LOTTERY INCOME, VLT, CASINO</b>	<b>\$3.4 Billion (-10.5%)</b>
<b>BORROWED</b>	<b>\$3.3 Billion (22.2%)</b>

\*State Funds only



# State Spending 2014-2015\*

*with changes from previous year*

<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$37.1 Billion (3.9%)</b>
Public Schools.....	\$23.7 Billion (5.3%)
School Tax Relief (STAR) .....	\$3.3 Billion (-2.9%)
State University of New York .....	\$7.1 Billion (-1.4%)
City University of New York .....	\$1.5 Billion (0%)
Tuition Assistance Program .....	\$1.2 Billion (27.1%)
Higher Education Services Corporation .....	\$238 Million (124.5%)
Cultural Programs .....	\$66 Million (153.8%)
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	<b>\$25.1 Billion (-0.4%)</b>
Health and Mental Health Services.....	\$6.9 Billion (-9.2%)
Medical Assistance (Medicaid).....	\$18.2 Billion (3.4%)
<b>PUBLIC WELFARE</b>	<b>\$3.6 Billion (-7.7%)</b>
Public Welfare.....	\$3.2 Billion (-8.6%)
Public Housing.....	\$197 Million (-0.5%)
Employment Services .....	\$202 Million (-2.9%)
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$4 Billion (0%)</b>
Criminal Justice & Correctional Alternatives .....	\$1 Billion (0%)
Emergency Management & Security Services.....	\$176 Million (-6.4%)
Prisons and Reformatories .....	\$2.8 Billion (0%)
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$7.5 Billion (10.3%)</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION</b>	<b>\$919 Million (-2.1%)</b>
Environmental Protection .....	\$603 Million (-3.8%)
Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation .....	\$316 Million (1.3%)
<b>SUPPORT/ REGULATE BUSINESS</b>	<b>\$1.1 Billion (-8.3%)</b>
<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENTS</b>	<b>\$1.1 Billion (0%)</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$11.5 Billion (3.6%)</b>
<b>REPAY DEBT</b>	<b>\$6.2 Billion (-3.1%)</b>

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# Federal Grants Received and Disbursed 2014-2015

*with changes from previous year*

<b>RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$48.7 Billion (11.2%)</b>
<b>DISBURSED</b>	<b>\$45.7 Billion (10.9%)</b>
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$3.7 Billion (-11.9%)</b>
Public Schools .....	\$3.4 Billion (-12.8%)
State University of New York.....	\$313 Million (3.6%)
Higher Education Services Corporation.....	\$11 Million (120%)
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	<b>\$32 Billion (19%)</b>
Health and Mental Health Services.....	\$2 Billion (5.3%)
Medical Assistance (Medicaid) .....	\$30 Billion (20%)
<b>PUBLIC WELFARE</b>	<b>\$5.2 Billion (-5.5%)</b>
Public Welfare .....	\$4.7 Billion (-6%)
Public Housing .....	\$26 Million (4%)
Employment Services.....	\$480 Million (-5.5%)
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$2.6 Billion (30%)</b>
Criminal Justice & Correctional Alternatives .....	\$59 Million (-31.4%)
Emergency Management & Security Services.....	\$2.5 Billion (31.6%)
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$1.6 Billion (-11.1%)</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION</b>	<b>\$208 Million (-40.9%)</b>
Environmental Protection.....	\$199 Million (-42%)
Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation.....	\$9 Million (0%)
<b>SUPPORT/REGULATE BUSINESS</b>	<b>\$20 Million (5.3%)</b>
<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENTS</b>	<b>\$27 Million (-65.4%)</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$378 Million (3.8%)</b>

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