



**Budget Report Submission in
the Public Authorities
Reporting Information System
(PARIS)**

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BUDGET REPORT SUBMISSION IN THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES REPORTING INFORMATION SYSTEM (PARIS) for Fiscal Year Ending 2009

State public authorities are to file Budget Reports with the Authority Budget Office (ABO) at least ninety (90) days prior to the start of the fiscal year. Local public authorities are to submit Budget Reports to the ABO at least sixty (60) days prior to the start of the fiscal year.

This report describes the compliance of public authorities with this requirement. To view the budget reports received by the ABO, please visit the Public Authority Reports page on the ABO website (<http://www.abo.state.ny.us/annualreports/PAreports.html>).

As of February 4, 2009, the ABO has received 180 budget reports for fiscal years ending in 2009, a compliance rate of approximately 65 percent. The greatest rate of compliance came from Industrial Development Agencies (IDAs) and State Authorities. Local authorities had less than a 40 percent compliance rate.

Compliance with Budget Reporting for FYE 2009				
	State	Local	IDAs	Totals
Budget Reports Due	43	120	115	278
Budget Reports Submitted	36	46	98	180
Compliance	83.7%	38.3%	85.2%	64.7%

Of the 98 public authorities that failed to submit a Budget Report, the highest rate of non-compliance was among urban renewal/community development agencies. These agencies comprise 40 percent of all non-complying public authorities and 53 percent of delinquent local authorities.

Public Authorities That Have Not Submitted Budget Reports for FYE 2009

State Authorities
Hudson River Park Trust
Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of Troy
Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center Operating Corporation
New York State Foundation for Science Technology and Innovation
New York State Theatre Institute
Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority
Westchester County Health Care Corporation

Local Authorities
Albany Community Development Agency
Albany Convention Center Authority
American Museum of Natural History Planetarium Authority
Binghamton Parking Authority
Binghamton Urban Renewal Agency
Buffalo Municipal Water Finance Authority
Buffalo Sewer Authority
Cayuga County Water and Sewer Authority
Central New York Regional Market Authority
City of Corning Urban Renewal Agency
City of Fulton Community Development Agency
City of Hudson Community Development and Planning Agency
Dolgeville Community Development Agency
Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency
Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority
Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority
Elmira Urban Renewal Agency
Franklin County Solid Waste Management Authority
Freeport Community Development Agency
Glens Falls Civic Center Authority
Glens Falls Urban Renewal Agency
Gloversville Community Development Agency
Harrison Parking Authority
Haverstraw Urban Renewal Agency
Huntington Community Development Agency
Incorporated Village of Hempstead Community Development Agency
Ithaca Urban Renewal Agency
Johnson City Parking Authority
Little Falls Urban Renewal Agency
Middletown Community Development Agency
Mount Kisco Parking Authority
Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency
Nassau County Bridge Authority
Nassau County Sewer and Storm Water Finance Authority
New York City Housing Development Corporation
New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority
New York City Transitional Finance Authority
New York City Water Board
Newburgh Community Development Agency
Niagara Falls Public Water Authority
Nyack Parking Authority
Orange County Water Authority

Local Authorities Continued
Ossining Urban Renewal Agency
Port Chester Community Development Agency
Port Chester Parking Authority
Poughkeepsie Urban Renewal Agency
Rensselaer County Water and Sewer Authority
Rome Urban Renewal Agency
Saranac Lake Community Development Agency
Schenectady Urban Renewal Agency
Sleepy Hollow Parking Authority
Suffern Parking Authority
Suffolk County Judicial Facilities Agency
Syracuse Parking Authority
Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency
Tonawanda (City) Community Development Agency
Town of Erwin Urban Renewal Agency
Town of Riverhead Community Development Agency
Town of Southampton Community Development Agency
Troy Parking Authority
Upper Mohawk Valley Memorial Auditorium Authority
Upper Mohawk Valley Regional Water Finance Authority
Victor Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Elmira Heights Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Fairport Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Patchogue Community Development Agency
Village of Riverside Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Rockville Centre Community Development Agency
Village of St. Johnsville Urban Renewal Agency
Water Authority of Western Nassau County
Westbury Community Development Agency
White Plains Urban Renewal Agency
Wilton Water and Sewer Authority
Yonkers Community Development Agency

Industrial Development Agencies
City of Oneida Industrial Development Agency
City of Utica Industrial Development Agency
Clifton Park Industrial Development Agency
Corinth Industrial Development Agency
Hamilton County Industrial Development Agency
Islip Industrial Development Agency
Mechanicville-Stillwater Industrial Development Agency
Middletown Industrial Development Agency
Newburgh Industrial Development Agency
North Greenbush Industrial Development Agency
Port Chester Industrial Development Agency
Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency
Schuyler County Industrial Development Agency
Southeast Industrial Development Agency
Town of Erwin Industrial Development Agency
Town of Malone Industrial Development Agency
Wallkill Industrial Development Agency

Budget Report Analysis

Our analysis is based on budget information that is self-reported by public authorities and not independently verified by the ABO. This analysis is based on the budget reports submitted by State and local public authorities for the fiscal year ending in 2009. Since all authorities did not comply, the analysis is not intended to provide a complete picture of the budgeting practices of all State and local authorities. Nor does the ABO attempt to draw conclusions about any aspect of an authority's operating and financial practices from this data.

For purposes of this report, only public authorities that submitted *complete* budget information for FYE 2009 were included in this analysis. The following authorities were excluded from analysis since their budget reports did not provide all of the required information for 2007, 2008, and 2009:

- New York City School Construction Authority (Local)
- Clifton-Fine Health Care Corporation (Local)
- Rochester Urban Renewal Agency (Local)
- Dunkirk Industrial Development Agency (IDA)
- Greene County Industrial Development Agency (IDA)

Key Highlights

- For FYE 2009, State public authorities are projecting revenue to remain essentially unchanged from 2008. Revenue is expected to total \$25.9 billion. This total represents a slowdown in the rate of annual revenue growth, since revenues did increase by 5 percent between 2007 and 2008. Over 95 percent of this increase is increased operating revenues from fees, tolls and other activities.
- State public authority expenditures are expected to increase by 4 percent in 2009. Over 50 percent of the increase is from employee benefits (32%) and personal services (20%) cost increases. This annual rate of spending growth appears consistent with recent experience. For the two year period from 2007 to 2009, total expenditures are projected to grow by about 9 percent, or \$2.1 billion. This increase is approximately 7 percent when adjusted to exclude the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, whose expenditures are projected to increase by nearly 11 percent over this period. Nearly 50 percent of the increase is the result of higher employee benefits (18%) and personal service costs (28%).
 - The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) showed a nearly 92 percent increase in expenditures over two years, primarily from the increased distribution of government grants and other program funding.
 - The Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation reported a projected revenue increase of over \$19 million, or 92 percent, since 2007. This increase is primarily due to the receipt of nearly \$20 million in state and municipal subsidies/grants in 2009. The Corporation also shows an expenditure increase of 180 percent from 2007 to 2009. Over 85 percent of this increase is due to increased costs associated with capital asset outlays.
- Personal service costs for employees of State public authorities were reported to total \$5.9 billion in 2007, growing to \$6.3 billion in 2008, and to \$6.5 billion in 2009. This represents a two-year increase of 10 percent.
- Local public authorities report increased revenues of 8 percent between 2007-2009, with an increase of 13 percent occurring between 2007 and 2008. Nearly 75 percent of the two-year increase is additional operating revenues from services provided (44%) and greater proceeds from the issuance of debt (30%). However, this is offset by a decrease in investment earnings, which are projected to be \$12.9 million less than 2007. For 2009, revenues are budgeted to decline by 4 percent, in part due to the continued loss of investment earnings.
 - The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation is not included in the local authority analysis due to its size in relation to other local authorities. The Corporation's revenues are expected to decrease by 13 percent from

2007 to 2009. Between 2007 and 2008, revenues decreased 10 percent, with an additional decline of 3 percent expected in 2009.

- Local public authority expenditures have increased by \$107 million since 2007, while revenues increased \$65 million during the same period. Expenditures were expected to grow by 14 percent from 2007 to 2009, including a 16 percent increase between 2007 and 2008. This can be explained primarily as the result of increased outlays for debt service and capital assets associated with bonding and other financial activities, offset by a reduction in contractual services. Nevertheless, local authorities, in the aggregate, are projecting that revenues will exceed expenditures in 2009 by approximately \$22.1 million.
 - The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation projects expenditures to increase 12 percent from 2007 to 2009. Expenditures increased more than 6 percent from 2007 to 2008, coupled with a 5 percent increase for 2009.
- Industrial development agencies (IDAs) outside of New York City are expected to experience a 37 percent decline in revenues between 2007 and 2009. The New York City IDA projects revenue growth of 3 percent over this same period, for a net revenue decrease of 31 percent for all IDAs. Expenditures for IDAs outside of New York City declined by 4 percent between 2007 and 2008 and are expected to decline further by 17 percent in 2009. The New York City IDA realized a 4 percent increase in expenditures from 2007 to 2008 and reported a projected 115 percent increase for 2009, attributable mostly to a \$17 million increase in contractual service expenses related to ongoing project activities. IDAs rely primarily on fees associated with the review, approval, and management of eligible project applications. Since the number of economic development project applications and approvals may vary from year-to-year, it is not unusual for an IDA to experience significant fluctuations in its project fees and other revenues. Similarly, since many IDAs rely on staff provided by another governmental agency to perform administrative and support functions, costs may be lower in a year when the level of activity declines.

Tables

Public Authority Budgeted Revenues						
Type of Authority	2007 Actual	2008 Estimated Actual	Change 2007 to 2008	2009 Reported	Change 2008 to 2009	Change 2007 to 2009
State*	\$24,675,211,536	\$25,981,978,082	5.30%	\$25,940,343,520	-0.16%	5.13%
Local	\$819,969,414	\$925,300,857	12.85%	\$885,081,362	-4.35%	7.94%
IDA**	\$115,615,617	\$87,285,282	-24.50%	\$79,263,607	-9.19%	-31.44%

*MTA is responsible for 42% of revenues for all years.

**New York City IDA is responsible for 14% of revenues in 2007, 13% in 2008, and 21% in 2009.

Public Authority Budgeted Expenditures						
Type of Authority	2007 Actual	2008 Estimated Actual	Change 2007 to 2008	2009 Reported	Change 2008 to 2009	Change 2007 to 2009
State*	\$24,659,617,268	\$25,723,674,273	4.31%	\$26,745,558,198	3.97%	8.46%
Local	\$755,868,590	\$875,214,255	15.79%	\$862,977,123	-1.40%	14.17%
IDA**	\$89,102,227	\$86,813,949	-2.57%	\$91,573,961	5.48%	2.77%

*MTA is responsible for 44% of expenses in 2007 and 2008, and 45% in 2009.

**New York City IDA is responsible for 14% of expenses in 2007, 13% in 2008, and 35% in 2009.

Public Authority Budgeted Salaries and Wages						
Type of Authority	2007 Actual	2008 Estimated Actual	Change 2007 to 2008	2009 Reported	Change 2008 to 2009	Change 2007 to 2009
State*	\$5,900,712,757	\$6,283,778,823	6.49%	\$6,486,320,267	3.22%	9.92%
Local	\$118,235,512	\$118,542,874	0.26%	\$124,621,369	5.13%	5.40%
IDA	\$8,316,308	\$8,506,333	2.28%	\$9,262,595	8.89%	11.38%

*MTA is responsible for 80% of salaries and wages in all years.

Public Authority Budgeted Professional Services Contracts						
Type of Authority	2007 Actual	2008 Estimated Actual	Change 2007 to 2008	2009 Reported	Change 2008 to 2009	Change 2007 to 2009
State*	\$471,811,328	\$524,181,523	11.10%	\$577,138,385	10.10%	22.32%
Local	\$72,488,613	\$57,863,965	-20.18%	\$61,711,832	6.65%	-14.87%
IDA**	\$23,061,409	\$25,713,083	11.50%	\$40,876,427	58.97%	77.25%

*MTA is responsible for 41% of contracts in 2007, 43% in 2008, and 44% in 2009.

**New York City IDA is responsible for 62% of contracts in 2007, 58% in 2008, and 79% in 2009.

Note: For all tables, local analysis does not include New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation.