



# WHAT DOES THE NEW YORK STATE BUDGET MEAN TO YOU?

An update regarding  
the 2023-24 NYS budget

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1) 2022-23 State Budget  
2) <https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2023/consumer-prices-up-4-9-percent-from-april-2022-to-april-2023.htm>

“This year’s \$229 billion budget is the biggest New York state has seen in its history; it is over \$8.6 billion more than last year’s. While many important programs were enacted to address mental health, health care, infrastructure, and school aid, this budget largely fails to meet the needs of New Yorkers who are struggling to afford everyday items.<sup>2</sup> The successes do not come without caveats. I am committed to continuing the fight for stronger communities, affordability, and fiscal stability.”



## The 2023-2024 Enacted State Budget Includes:

- ✓ Supporting our brave men and women in fire and emergency services by granting back pension from time served as an EMS or paramedic prior to becoming a firefighter (A.3005-C).
- ✓ Supporting volunteer firefighters by providing stipends for completing firefighter training (A.3005-C).
- ✓ Fully funding and providing record state aid to local school districts (A.3003-D).
- ✓ Millions more in funding for mental health services (A.3003-D).
- ✓ Expanding the Child Care Assistance Program by millions more than last year (A.3003-D).
- ✓ Expanding free school meals for more students (A.3003-D).
- ✓ Enacting much-needed modifications to bail reform, such as restoring some judicial discretion (A.3006-C).
- ✓ Defeating the governor’s misguided housing plan, ensuring local control over their own futures.

## Detrimental measures I fought against that were passed:

- \$1 billion for migrant services to NYC (A.3003-D).
- Banning gas stoves and natural gas for most new households (A.3006-C).
- Extending tax rates for small businesses through 2026 (A.3009-C).
- Increasing tax breaks for Hollywood productions to \$700 million annually while failing to provide meaningful tax relief to middle-class New Yorkers (A.3009-C).
- Tying the minimum wage to inflation, which is unsustainable for New York’s small businesses. (A.3006-C).
- A budget that doesn’t fix Tier 6 despite our significant public sector employee shortage.



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