



BUDGET WATCH '03

APPENDIX: SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON NEW YORK STATE'S ECONOMY, TAXES AND SPENDING

Data in Budget Watch '03 come from the New York State Budget Division, Office of the State Comptroller, U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics and other government agencies, as well as selected other sources.

Where reference is simply to "Census Bureau," see State & Local Government Finances reports cited in Issue #4. Census Bureau data are for fiscal years ending in the named year; data for 2000, for instance, reflect fiscal years ending in calendar 2000.

Labor Department employment data are non-seasonally adjusted, from the establishment surveys.

Issue #1:

Census Bureau data comparing state government taxes and spending: the bureau's State Government Finances reports, www.census.gov/govs/www/state.html.

New York State's state-funds spending and tax revenues: the state Budget Division, www.budget.state.ny.us.

New York State government spending on health and education programs: Office of the State Comptroller's 2002 *Comptroller's Report on the Financial Condition of New York State*.

Issue #2:

New York State's Medicaid spending this year and in 1999-2000: Budget Division.

Medicaid managed care and other interstate comparisons: federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, www.cms.hhs.gov.

Issue #3:

Interstate comparisons: National Center for Education Statistics, <http://nces.ed.gov>.

New York State school aid: Budget Division.

Business Council Pathfinder Awards: www.bcnys.org/inside/educ/pathinfo.htm.

Issue #4:

Interstate comparisons: Census Bureau's State & Local Government Finances reports, www.census.gov/govs/www/estimate.html.

"Tax gap" calculations: The Public Policy Institute, from Census Bureau data.

Issue #5:

State and local government employment: Census Bureau, www.census.gov/govs/www/apesstl.html.

Labor Department employment data: www.labor.state.ny.us.

Issue #6:

Current year's state budget: Budget Division.

Issue #7:

Interstate comparisons: Census Bureau. Year-to-year increases in local tax revenue: *Comptroller's Special Report on Municipal Affairs*, Office of the State Comptroller, various years. Local-government employment: Labor Department.

Issue #8:

Interstate comparisons: Census Bureau. New York State data: Office of the State Comptroller, various reports.

Issue #9:

Interstate comparisons of spending on higher education: Census Bureau.

New York State college/university enrollment: state Education Department.

Interstate tuition comparisons: College Board, www.collegeboard.com/press/cost02/html/CBTrendsPricing02.pdf.

Average household income: Census Bureau, http://ferret.bls.census.gov/macro/032001/hhinc/new01_001.htm.

Issue #10:

Medicaid figures: Office of State Comptroller. HCRA off-budget funding: legislative staff estimates. Citizens Budget Commission estimates: www.cbcny.org/cbc_nys03.pdf.

Issue #11:

Interstate comparisons: Census Bureau. "Tax gap" calculations: The Public Policy Institute, from Census Bureau data.

Federal Reserve study: www.bos.frb.org/economic/neer/neer2002/neer302b.pdf.