

NEW YORK STATE – BY THE NUMBERS

Did you
know?

- New York State has nearly 5,000 taxing entities with Special Districts adding another 7,000 possible taxing entities. The average state in the U.S. has **only 200** taxing entities.
- The 2009-2010 State Budget (ending March 31) included **\$8 billion** in new taxes and fees to business and residents. It also included \$7 billion in federal stimulus dollars as an offset to spending.
- The 2010-2011 Executive Budget proposed by Gov. Paterson includes an additional \$1 billion in **new taxes and fees**
- State, local and school taxes paid by NY State residents are **33%** higher than the national average.
- New York would be spending \$21 billion **less** if its budget growth over the past decade had been held to inflation, and \$17 billion **less** if budget increases had tracked New Yorkers' personal income.
- 69% of NYS Public Sector Employees belong to a **collective bargaining unit**—highest in the nation.
- In every region of NY State, excluding New York City, the average public sector salary is 6% - 46% **above** the private sector average salary.
- Contributions by every level of government to public sector pensions have increased **tenfold** in the past decade: from \$991 million in 2000 to \$10.1 billion in 2009 and the NYS Comptroller predicts local governments outside NYC will be forced to **triple** their contributions to public pensions over the next 6 years.
- From 2000 to 2008, NY experienced the nation's largest **loss of residents** to other states- in both absolute and relative terms. In 2006-07 alone, the population flow out of NY drained **\$4.3 billion** in taxpayer income.

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