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# Introduction

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This is the twenty-eighth edition of the *New York State Statistical Yearbook*, which the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government publishes annually in cooperation with the Office of the Governor and the New York State Division of the Budget. For information about other New York activities of the Institute, see our website at [www.rockinst.org](http://www.rockinst.org).

The *Yearbook* is laid out in a manner similar to the *Statistical Abstract of the United States*. The first section includes demographic and population information such as births, deaths, household characteristics and other demographic characteristics of the State. Sections B and C contain economic information. Sections D, E and F contain information about elections and government finances and employment. The sections that follow cover banking and insurance, energy and utilities, housing, education, public safety and criminal justice, education, health and human services, transportation, agriculture, and environment.

The book contains many user aids, such as a listing of tables at the beginning of each section. In the back of the book, a directory of the major State agencies provides the addresses and telephone numbers of persons in each agency who can help provide additional information. Most of the tables in the book contain data arranged by the five boroughs of New York City and the 57 counties in the rest of the State. A map of the State of New York with the county and borough breakdown is provided on page viii. The abbreviations and symbols used in this book are explained on page vi. Specialized terms for each section of the book can be found in the glossaries at the end of each section.

The contents of the *Yearbook* are reviewed annually to improve the book and to make it as useful and user-friendly as possible. This year Table A-6 has been added, which provides population information for the towns, cities, and villages in New York State. Also new this year are updated

maps for Congressional, Senate, and Assembly districts, which reflect redistricting after the 2000 Census. Section N on agriculture has been greatly revamped and expanded to provide a more detailed look at agricultural production.

Last year was a special one for the *Statistical Yearbook*; we went online. The Rockefeller Institute created a new and separate website for the *Yearbook* — *New York State Statistics* at [www.nysstatistics.org](http://www.nysstatistics.org). In addition to presenting the *Yearbook* in a form that can be downloaded, this website will present periodic “Briefs” on New York State data and characteristics. It also provides notices with links to newly available New York State data. The site is managed by Nick Jenny ([jennyn@rockinst.org](mailto:jennyn@rockinst.org)). The *Yearbook* continues to be published in hard copy for subscribers, libraries, and state officials. We are grateful to our subscribers, almost all of whom when surveyed agreed that this is a good plan. This year’s edition of the *Statistical Yearbook* will be available on-line shortly after publication.

This *New York State Statistical Yearbook* is made possible with the generous assistance of the State agencies, especially the many helpful experts in state agencies who spend hours tracking down answers to our questions. Special thanks are also due to the staff members of the Publications Office at the Rockefeller Institute who work year round to compile, edit, and proof this book: Michael Cooper is director of publications, he is ably assisted on this special project by Michele Charbonneau. While Michele has been gone on a maternity leave, we are very thankful for the help of our student assistant, Heather Trela.

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