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SECTION

1

**REBUILD OUR HEALTHCARE
ECONOMY TO PROVIDE CARE FOR
MORE NEW YORKERS**

REBUILD OUR HEALTHCARE ECONOMY TO PROVIDE CARE FOR MORE NEW YORKERS

All New Yorkers should have access to safe, affordable and high-quality health care. The COVID-19 pandemic taxed an already strained healthcare system, exacerbating disparities and systemic healthcare delivery issues. To invest in the healthcare workforce that protects us, a sweeping set of initiatives aim to rebuild, grow, and retain workers —with the significant goal of growing the workforce by 20 percent over the next five years.

The goal is to advance care for more New Yorkers through a series of actions built around wider access to digital health services, stronger healthcare affordability programs, larger investments in maternal health, holistic plans to support aging populations, and capital investments in hospitals and health systems in underserved communities. Without a strong workforce, New York cannot achieve these ambitious goals. With it, we can do all of it —and lead the nation in equity across the care spectrum.

REBUILD OUR HEALTHCARE ECONOMY TO PROVIDE CARE FOR MORE NEW YORKERS

The need for healthcare workers was projected to grow

32%

from 2018 to 2028¹



Pre-pandemic projections indicated a shortage of over

39,000

RNs in New York by 2030²



New York State's healthcare workforce is still below pre-pandemic workforce levels⁴ by

3%

In the **first 11 months** of the pandemic, calls to the Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline **increased 34%** from the previous year³



The **opioid epidemic** continues to plague New Yorkers, leading to

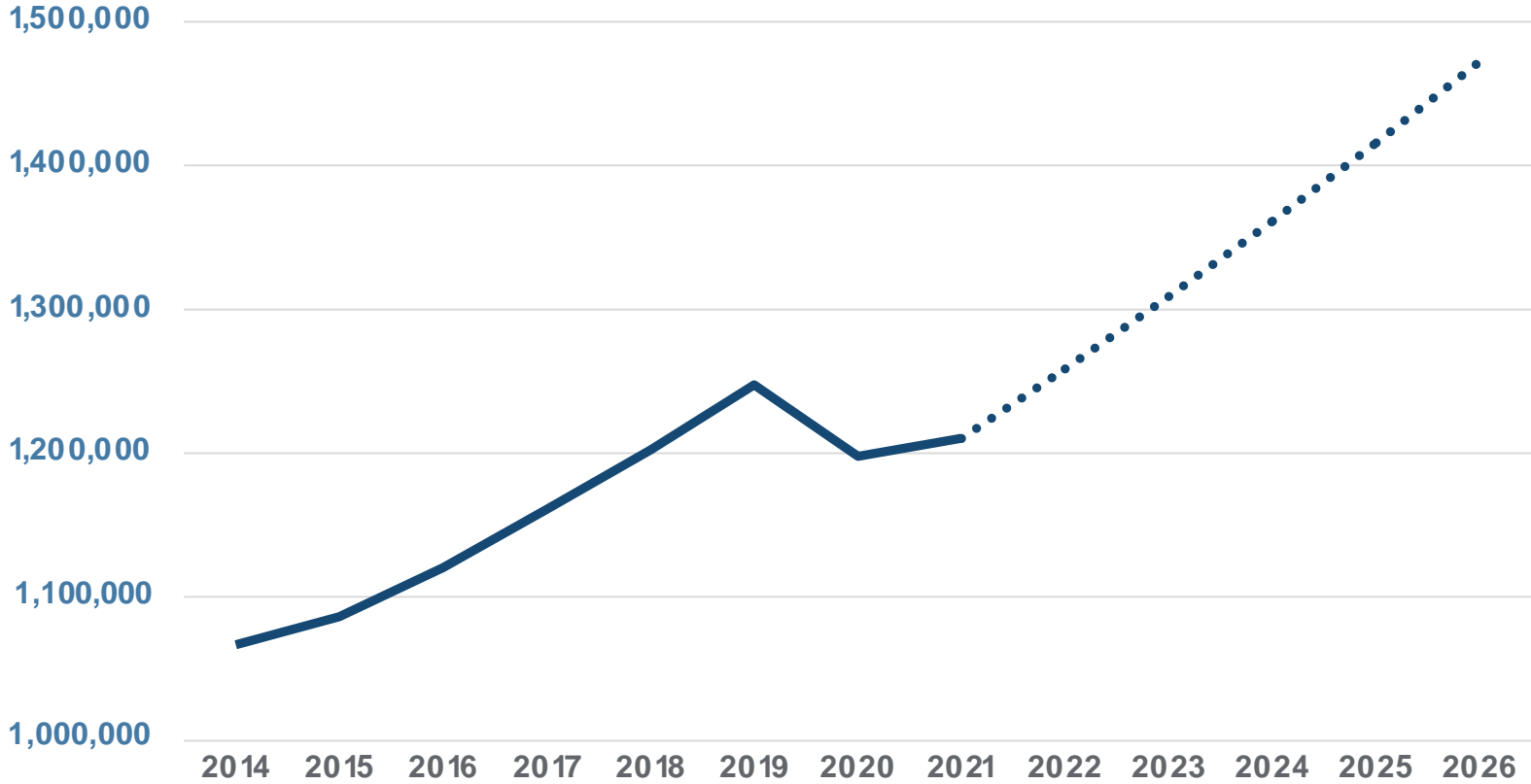
4,270 DEATHS

in 2020, up 5% from 2019⁵



REBUILD OUR HEALTHCARE ECONOMY TO PROVIDE CARE FOR MORE NEW YORKERS

NYS Health Care Employment History and Goals
2014-2021 Actuals, 2022-2027 Goals ⁶



The Goal:
Grow the healthcare workforce by **20% over the next five years.**



REBUILD OUR HEALTHCARE ECONOMY TO PROVIDE CARE FOR MORE NEW YORKERS

A

PART 1-A

REBUILD AND GROW THE HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE BY 20% OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

Rebuild and grow the healthcare workforce by improving the career pipeline, expanding access to healthcare training and education, recruiting care workers to underserved areas, and strengthening home care.

- Make a \$10 Billion Investment in Healthcare and Support Wages for Workers
- Increase the Training Capacity of Medical Institutions
- Attract Students into Healthcare by Relieving Their Financial Burdens
- Award Prior Learning Credit across SUNY and CUNY
- Recruit Medical Professionals to Work in Underserved Areas
- Connect Immigrant New Yorkers to Direct Support Professions
- Allow Doctors and Nurses to Easily Relocate to and Practice in New York
- Expand Workforce Development Partnerships to Build a Human Services Talent Pipeline
- Grow the Home and Community-Based Health Care Workforce Through Benefits and Skills Development

B

PART 1-B

RETAIN THE EXISTING HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE

Strengthen retention in the healthcare workforce by developing career pathways for long-term care workers, investing in mentorship and transition tools to get workers from school to professional practice, and launching programs to coordinate training, retention, and care delivery strategies.

- Support More Career Flexibility for Direct Care Workers
- Improve Training and Coordination Between EMS Professionals Statewide
- Reform Rules Limiting What Services Health Workers Can Provide
- Create an Office of Healthcare Workforce Innovation

C

PART 1-C

ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY: EXPAND THE REACH OF OUR HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE THROUGH DIGITAL INNOVATION

Ensure more New Yorkers can access digital health services and make these services more convenient and equitable. Empower New Yorkers to better meet their healthcare needs and manage their healthcare costs.

- Require Private Insurers to Reimburse Appropriate Telehealth Services at the Same Levels as Traditional Services
- Create Powerful Patient and Provider Information Tools
- Create a Center for Medicaid Innovation to Lower Costs and Improve Care



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D PART 1-D

ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY: CLOSE NEW YORK'S COVERAGE GAP BY MAKING AFFORDABLE COVERAGE AVAILABLE TO ALL

Make coverage more affordable and available to more New Yorkers by expanding affordable coverage for low-income households, families with children, vulnerable seniors, and individuals with disabilities.

- Make Healthcare More Affordable to More New Yorkers

- Improve Access to Child Health Plus Insurance and to Mental and Behavioral Health Services for Children in Low-Income Households
- Ensure Vulnerable Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Maintain Health Coverage as They Age or Become Disabled

E PART 1-E

ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY: ENSURE ALL MOTHERS IN NEW YORK GET THE CARE THEY NEED

Improve maternal health outcomes, reduce racial disparities, and advance equity for mothers across the State by expanding access to holistic prenatal and postnatal care.

- Expand Medicaid Coverage for Postpartum Care
- Improve and Expand Access to Prenatal and Postnatal Care
- Expand Access to Midwifery Services Through Increased Reimbursement Rates

F PART 1-F

ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY: ENABLE ALL NEW YORKERS TO AGE WITH DIGNITY AND INDEPENDENCE

Offer alternative settings for New Yorkers that want to age in place, improve the care provided in both homes and nursing facilities, and combat key issues facing seniors like social isolation and elder abuse.

- Establish a State Master Plan for Aging

- Promote Alternatives to Institutional Settings for Seniors
- Improve the Quality of Care in Nursing Homes
- Invest in Innovative Nursing Home Models
- Combat Social Isolation and Abuse of Older Residents
- Strengthen the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

G PART 1-G

SUPPORT MORE NEW YORKERS WITH STRONGER ADDICTION, SUICIDE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Help all New Yorkers struggling with addiction, suicide, mental health challenges, and domestic violence, and focus on access and equity for those in underserved communities across the State.

- Fight the Opioid Epidemic in New York State Using a Public Health Approach

- Expand Mobile Treatment Services for Opioid Addiction
- Provide Individuals with Supportive Recovery Housing
- Enhance Suicide Prevention in Schools, Home, and Communities
- Integrate Mental Health Services Into Pediatric Primary Care
- Create the New York State Gender-Based Violence Training Institute

SECTION

2

**PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY AND
TAKE STRONG ACTION AGAINST
GUN VIOLENCE**

PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY AND TAKE STRONG ACTION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 800 New Yorkers died by guns each year, on average, with more than 2,500 annually shot and wounded. That was already too many lives lost and impacted by gun violence. Unfortunately, since the pandemic began, gun violence has increased significantly across the United States, and in New York State.

The pandemic has had a negative impact on public safety across the country. To address the concerns of New Yorkers and take strong action against gun violence, the Hochul Administration is committed to making a major state investment in initiatives, new and old, that will strengthen the gun violence prevention efforts of law enforcement and community-based organizations. Through these actions, we will work to restore New Yorkers' sense of safety and community.



PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY AND TAKE STRONG ACTION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE



Gun homicide, assaults, and police shootings cost New York State **\$3.2B each year**⁷

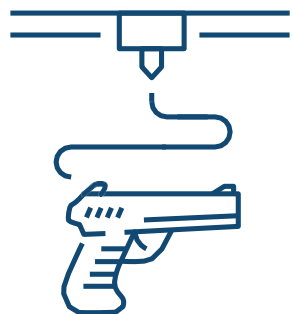
In New York, there was a

79%

increase in **firearm homicides**⁸ from 2019 to 2020

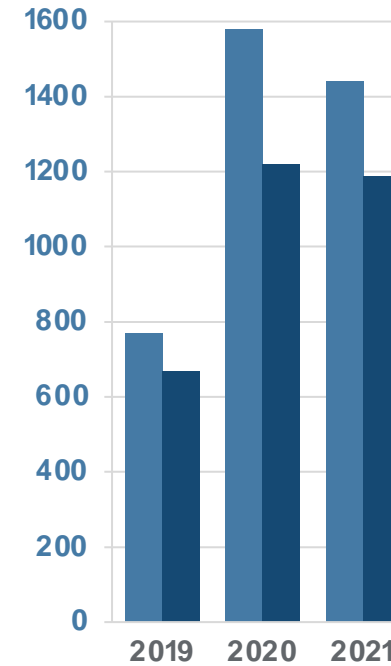


There were **546 deaths**⁹ in New York by firearm homicide in 2020



Statewide, there were **231 ghost guns recovered** by NYS law enforcement agencies and reported to State Police Criminal Gun Clearinghouse in 2020. Through December 2021, that number has increased **153% to 586 ghost guns**¹⁰

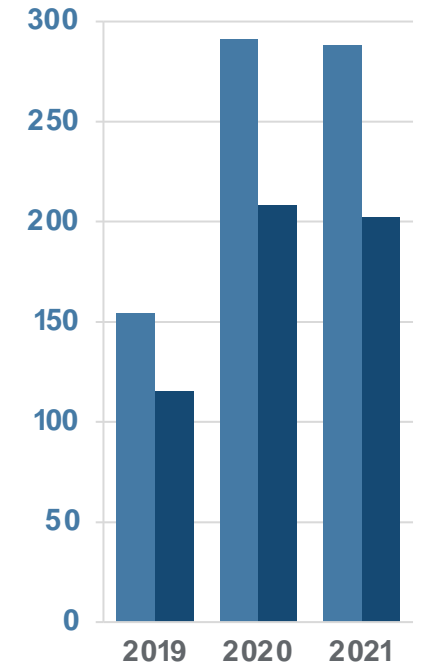
Non-Fatal Shootings Victims



↑ **105% CHANGE**

↑ **82% CHANGE**

Fatal Shootings Victims



↑ **89% CHANGE**

↑ **81% CHANGE**

- New York City
- Rest of New York State (GIVE J urisdictions)

• 2021 reflects Jan – Nov
 • % change is calculated based on 2019 and 2020 data¹¹



PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY AND TAKE STRONG ACTION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

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PART 2-A

STOP CRIME AND VIOLENCE: STRENGTHEN PROVEN LAW ENFORCEMENT STRATEGIES

Take practical, immediate actions to strengthen proven law-enforcement strategies against crime and violence. These initiatives will strengthen gun tracing efforts, support successful local law enforcement programs, and invest in law enforcement data analysis and intelligence networks—reducing gun violence and protecting the health and safety of all New Yorkers.

- Triple Resources for State Police's Crime Gun-Tracing Efforts
- Form a Gun Tracing Consortium with Local Law Enforcement Agencies, and Neighboring States
- Expand the Level and Scope of the State's Direct Support to Local Law Enforcement
- Double State Police Partnerships with Local Law Enforcement
- Invest in New York's Crime Analysis Center Network
- Enrich Social Media Analysis to Identify Threats and Criminal Activity
- Establish Gun Intelligence Centers Across the State to Share Meaningful Crime Data
- Stop Cryptocurrency Crimes with New Software
- Modernize Forensic Examination by Linking Digital Devices to Crimes

B

PART 2-B

STOP CRIME AND VIOLENCE: STRENGTHEN PROVEN COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

Expand and initiate new programs to accelerate community-based prevention and response efforts to gun violence across the State. The biggest impact of gun violence is felt by the community where it occurs. That is also where the solutions should start.

- Triple Investment in Community-Based Gun Violence Response
- Provide Pretrial Services to Promote Public Safety
- Respond to Regional Needs in the Aftermath of Gun Violence
- Provide Additional Law Enforcement Training on the State's Red Flag Law to Protect New Yorkers

SECTION

3

**INVEST IN NEW YORK'S
PEOPLE**

INVEST IN NEW YORK'S PEOPLE

From the moment the COVID-19 pandemic first struck our state, New Yorkers have responded with all the toughness, conviction, and compassion needed to overcome this generational challenge. On the basis of this strength, we have made great strides in recovering our economic foundations. From the depths of the downturn to today, New York has recovered some 1.2 million jobs. In early December, New York State launched an initiative to connect New Yorkers to 220,000 jobs and passed legislation to increase the State's support for recovering small businesses.

To accelerate the recovery for more New Yorkers, the Hochul Administration will provide meaningful tax relief for small businesses and middle-income households, ensure that our workers have access to both well-paying jobs and strong basic rights, strengthen re-entry programs to help the formerly incarcerated join the workforce, and protect New Yorkers from consumer or financial abuses.



INVEST IN NEW YORK'S PEOPLE



In the first year of the pandemic, New York's **population shrunk by 319,020 (1.6%)**¹²

The monthly **unemployment rate** in New York is **6.6%**, more than **1.5 times** the national rate (as of Nov 2021)¹³



~25%

of NYS households do not have bank accounts or seldom use one and rely on costly non-bank services¹⁴



From April 2020 to March 2021, the unemployment rates of New Yorkers with disabilities averaged **16.2%**¹⁵

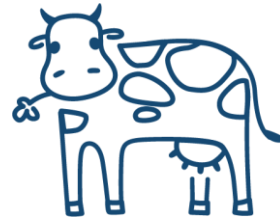


42%

of incarcerated New Yorkers return to custody within 3 years¹⁶



11,000 New York farms employed nearly 56,000 workers in 2017, **down from 61,000 in 2012**¹⁷



Total payroll on dairy farms **increased by 7.8%** for 2019-2020¹⁸



Labor costs for fruit and vegetable farms **increased 4.4%** for 2019-2020¹⁹

INVEST IN NEW YORK'S PEOPLE

A

PART 3-A

PROVIDE MEANINGFUL TAX RELIEF FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND THE MIDDLE CLASS

Provide a range of relief designed to help millions of middle-income New Yorkers and hundreds of thousands of small businesses — accelerating the road to recovery.

- Provide \$100 Million of Relief for 195,000 Small Businesses

- Accelerate \$1.2 Billion in Middle-Class Tax Cut for 6 Million New Yorkers
- Deliver a \$1 Billion Property Tax Rebate for More Than 2 Million New York Families
- Increase Existing Tax Credits and Create a New Credit to Support Food Production

B

PART 3-B

GIVE NEW YORKERS JOB SKILLS, ACCESS, AND PROTECTIONS

Establish New York as a model for inclusivity in the workforce, as well as enhance protections for the most vulnerable workers.

- Overhaul the State's Workforce Development Efforts to Focus on Region-Specific Employment Needs
- Help More New Yorkers Move Between Education and Career

- Expand Access to Apprenticeships
- Recruit the Next Generation of Public Servants
- Expand the State's Technology Talent Pipeline
- Make New York a Model for the Employment of Workers with Disabilities
- Protect and Strengthen Workers' Rights

C

PART 3-C

LAUNCH "JAILS TO JOBS": A PROGRAM TO IMPROVE RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORKFORCE AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM

Help incarcerated and formerly incarcerated New Yorkers get critical job skills and find work with the "Jails to Jobs" program. The result will be reduced recidivism and increased community safety.

- Refocus Parole Officers on Career Planning and Job Placement
- Enable Voluntary, Private-Sector, In-Prison Employment Opportunities that Pay a Good Wage
- Expand Vocational, Job Readiness, and Re-Entry Programs
- Restore the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for Incarcerated Individuals
- Allow for Educational Release as an Earned, Re-Entry Opportunity
- Pass the Clean Slate Act
- Pilot A New Approach to Transitional Housing for Post-Incarceration Individuals
- Eliminate Outdated Supervision Fees to Reduce Barriers for Individuals Returning to Society After Incarceration
- Fully Staff the Parole Board and Prohibit Outside Employment for Board Members
- Facilitate Access to ID Cards and Other Vital Records to Enhance Opportunities for Released Persons



INVEST IN NEW YORK'S PEOPLE

D

PART 3-D

SUPPORT THE AGRICULTURE WORKFORCE AND IMPROVE THE FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

Strengthen the agricultural workforce and solidify food production, while also ensuring that New York's farm work supports State goals for climate change and social equity.

- Enhance Agribusiness Child Development Centers to Support Farm Workers
- Improve the School Lunch Program by Transferring It into the Department of Agriculture and Markets
- Build Local Food Systems to Ensure a Resilient Supply Chain
- Fund the "Nourish New York" Initiative to Feed New Yorkers and Support Farmers
- Expand the Climate Resilient Farming Program to Better Prepare Farmers for Climate Change
- Establish the BIPOC Farmer Engagement and Outreach Program to Better Support Diversity and Equity in New York Agriculture
- Expand SNAP Access to New York State Farms
- Create the New York State Grown & Certified Producers Infrastructure, Technology, Research, and Development Grant Program
- Fund the Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grant Program
- Continue Leading the Nation in Hemp Production

E

PART 3-E

PROTECT NEW YORK'S CONSUMERS AND IMPROVE FINANCIAL HEALTH

Protect New Yorkers against fraud and abuse and promote financial security for all New Yorkers. Ensuring financial opportunity requires both protecting consumers from unfair and deceptive practices, and supporting more equitable practices and programs for wealth creation and financial health for all New Yorkers.

- Automate Debt Forgiveness for State Employees
- Stop Transcript Withholding from SUNY/CUNY
- Make New York State Higher Education Services Corporation Loan Forgiveness Awards Tax Exempt
- Protect Consumers from Healthcare Provider Misinformation
- Create the Pharmacy Benefits Bureau to Lower the Cost of Prescription Drugs
- Strengthen the Statewide Office of Financial Inclusion and Empowerment
- Enhance the UI Benefit Banking Program to Help New Yorkers Receive Their Unemployment Insurance Benefits
- Invest in Effective Student Debt Assistance Programs

SECTION

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**INVEST IN NEW YORK'S
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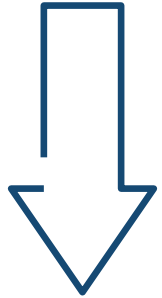
The major investments being made in New York's infrastructure and economic revitalization today will chart a course for the safety, mobility, prosperity, and health of New Yorkers tomorrow. Smart use of public funding should facilitate development and growth, while supporting historically disadvantaged communities through initiatives to enhance equity in access to well-paying jobs, transportation, and education.

Comprehensive infrastructure projects and economic development programs will benefit every region. These initiatives will reconnect communities long severed, promote multi-modal connectivity, create new world-class green spaces, and facilitate opportunities for economic growth.

All of these efforts will be supported through an unprecedented investment in broadband to close the digital divide and connect more New York communities with next-generation healthcare and the high-paying jobs and industries of the future.



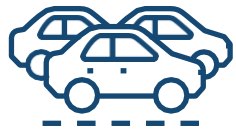
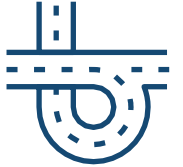
INVEST IN NEW YORK'S COMMUNITIES



New York had the **fourth largest decrease** in real GDP of **-5.9%** in 2020 of all states; over the next ten years, New York's GDP growth is projected to **lag the U.S. overall** by nearly 5%²⁰

Annually, State and locally-owned highways carry more than²¹

130 billion vehicle miles



New York City residents lose

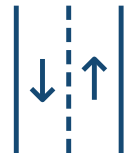
102 hours

per year in traffic congestion²² and it costs drivers on average, **\$1,594.75**

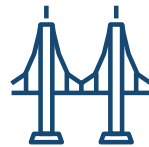
New York State has²³:



3,500-mile passenger and freight rail network



113,000 highway miles



17,400+ bridges

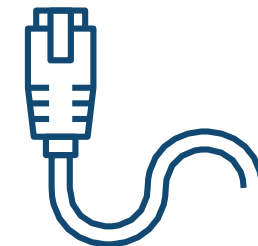


485 public and private aviation facilities



120+ municipally sponsored public transportation systems

Nearly **20% of New Yorkers** are without a broadband subscription and **30% of New Yorkers** live in areas where there is only one broadband internet provider²⁴



INVEST IN NEW YORK'S COMMUNITIES

A

PART 4 - A

ENACT A NEW TRANSPORTATION PLAN THAT PRIORITIZES CRITICAL PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE

Introduce a new five-year capital plan for the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) that represents a generational opportunity to enhance safety, improve reliability, and promote climate smart polices while advancing mobility alternatives.

Transportation and Infrastructure Projects Currently Under Way

- Revitalize the South Bronx by Reconstructing the Bruckner-Sheridan Interchange at Hunts Point
- Reimagine the Van Wyck Expressway into a Gateway Travel Corridor
- Modernize the Kew Gardens Interchange
- Complete the Albany Skyway
- Deliver the LIRR Third Track Project Under Budget and On-Schedule by the End of 2022

New Transportation and Infrastructure Priorities

- Spur Further Investment in the North Country and Adirondacks Through ORDA
- Replace the Livingston Avenue Railroad Bridge in Albany
- Accelerate Conversion of Route 17 into I-86 in Orange and Sullivan Counties
- Reconfigure the Oakdale Merge in Suffolk County to Improve Capacity
- Renew and Modernize Our State's Roads and Bridges
- Elevate the Annsville Circle in Westchester County

B

PART 4 - B

RECONNECT NEIGHBORHOODS, PARTICULARLY IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

Repair the damage of transportation mistakes from decades ago. Instead of loud, polluting highways, prioritize walking, cycling, active streets, and green spaces designed to tie together communities and small businesses.

- Convert the Existing Inner Loop North Freeway into a Community Boulevard in the City of Rochester

- Reconnect and Restore Neighborhoods Across the Kensington Expressway in Buffalo
- Cover Portions of the Cross-Bronx Expressway to Reconnect Neighborhoods and Increase Open Space
- Reconnect Syracuse Neighborhoods Divided by I-81

C

PART 4 - C

INVEST IN COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS AND WATERFRONTS

Invest in transformations in downtowns and waterfronts around the State, particularly in historically disadvantaged communities. These opportunities will expand small business activity, restore vibrancy to commercial corridors, and revive waterfront spaces to be more open and accessible to all.

- Improve East Side Commercial and Residential Infrastructure in Buffalo

- Advance ROC the Riverway Phase 2
- Improve the Utica Harbor Point Waterfront
- Redevelop the Outer Harbor Along the Buffalo Waterfront
- Strengthen Connections to the Niagara Falls Waterfront
- Complete the Westchester RiverWalk
- Reimagine New York's Statewide Canal System

INVEST IN NEW YORK'S COMMUNITIES

D

PART 4-D

INVEST IN HEALTH AND CLEAN TECH RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

Support health and clean tech projects to ensure that New York remains at the forefront of high-growth industries — helping our communities grow alongside them.

- Create a World-Class Battery Research and Manufacturing Center at Binghamton University

- Rebuild the Wadsworth Center in Albany into a World-Class Campus
- Develop the AI Industry Through a Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and Stony Brook University Partnership
- Expand the Masonic Medical Research Institute Laboratory in East Utica

E

PART 4-E

EXPAND TRANSIT NETWORKS AND ELIMINATE TRANSIT DESERTS IN NEW YORK CITY

Expand transit networks across New York City and eliminate rail transit deserts — connecting more New Yorkers to the job and educational opportunities they need to get ahead.

- Advance the Transformative “Interborough Express” to Enhance Regional Mobility and Serve Nearly 1 Million New Yorkers
- Build Phase 2 of the Second Avenue Subway for Residents of Upper Manhattan

- Open Four New Metro-North Stations in the Bronx to Expand Job Access
- Advance the Gateway Project to Double Commuter Capacity
- Create a Commuter-First Penn Station and Revitalize the Surrounding Community
- Support Congestion Pricing in Manhattan to Reduce Traffic and Generate Funding for Transit

F

PART 4-F

PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT STRENGTHENS LEADING INDUSTRIES AND REVITALIZES COMMUNITIES

Strengthen our leading industries, prepare for success in emerging ones, and revitalize our communities by implementing a comprehensive set of statewide programs anchored around capital investments.

- Launch a Billion-Dollar Plan to Assist Small Businesses
- Revitalize and Spur Economic Growth Across Downtowns
- Revitalize and Spur Economic Growth Across Small Rural Communities
- Make Strategic Shovel-Ready Investments for High-Growth Tech Sites
- Bring a New National Semiconductor Technology Center and Additional Chip Fabrication Plants to New York State
- Renew Funding for and Expand the “Restore New York Communities” Blight Removal Initiative
- Repurpose Closed Prisons to Drive Economic Growth and Close Service Gaps
- Provide Critical State Funding for Arts and Culture
- Standardize and Centralize Venture Competitions

G

PART 4-G

BRING AFFORDABLE BROADBAND TO NEW YORKERS AND TRANSFORM THE STATE'S DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE WITH OVER \$1 BILLION IN NEW INVESTMENTS

SECTION

5

**MAKE NEW YORK'S HOUSING
SYSTEM MORE AFFORDABLE,
EQUITABLE, AND STABLE**

MAKE NEW YORK'S HOUSING SYSTEM MORE AFFORDABLE, EQUITABLE, AND STABLE

The uneven economic recovery has underscored the many structural problems facing our state's economy, the housing supply in particular. Housing costs have skyrocketed, with the median sales price rising 32 percent since the start of 2020. Rising homeownership costs are a major barrier to entry for non-owners seeking opportunities for economic advancement and generational wealth-building. Ownership aside, far too many New Yorkers are struggling to pay rent: over half of renters in the State pay more than 30 percent of their income in rent, meaning they are rent burdened.

Improving housing affordability, equity, and stability is a complex challenge that requires an all-levers approach. A sweeping set of actions will be designed to fortify New York's affordable housing stock, promote broader affordability by expanding the housing supply, preserve access and equity for disadvantaged groups, and attack the root causes of homelessness and housing instability.

MAKE NEW YORK'S HOUSING SYSTEM MORE AFFORDABLE, EQUITABLE, AND STABLE



More than half of New York's renters are considered rent-burdened, paying more than **30%** of their income in rent²⁵

46%



of homes are renter occupied, the highest percentage in the country²⁶

New York State needs over

600,000

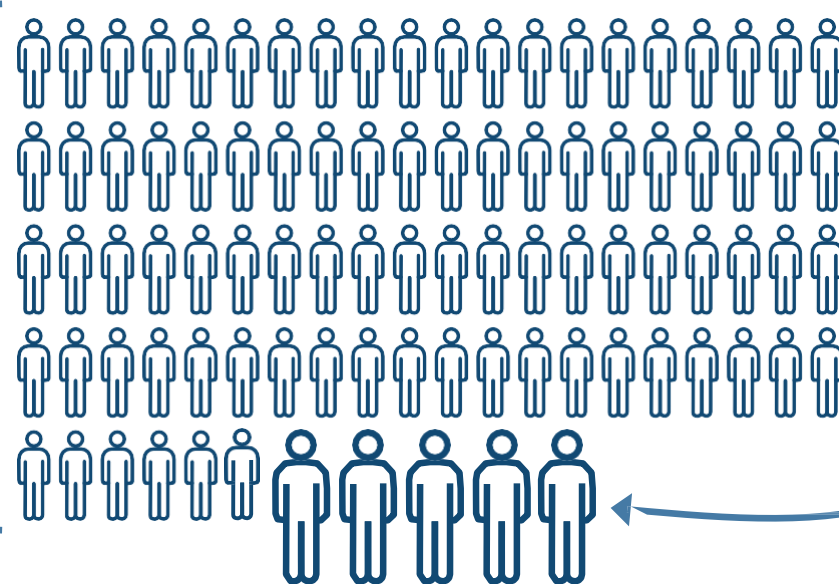


additional affordable rental units²⁷

456,000

New Yorkers rely on public assistance for housing, including more than **200,000** children²⁸

In New York State, more than **91,000** individuals experiencing homelessness temporarily stay in emergency shelters²⁹



Almost **5,000** remain unsheltered on the street²⁹



MAKE NEW YORK'S HOUSING SYSTEM MORE AFFORDABLE, EQUITABLE, AND STABLE

A PART 5-A

LAUNCH A NEW, COMPREHENSIVE 5-YEAR HOUSING PLAN

Design a four-part framework of economic recovery, social justice, climate action, and digital connectivity. The framework will address community health disparities exposed during the pandemic, expand housing access in historically underinvested areas and for low- and moderate-income households, support statewide goals for clean energy and green jobs, and bridge the digital divide.

- Create and Preserve 100,000 Low-Income Rental and Co-Operative Housing Units in Both Urban and Rural Communities
- Create and Preserve 10,000 Supportive Housing Units
- Build and Preserve Senior Housing Across the State
- Weatherize and Electrify New York's Housing Stock
- Pilot a Program to Create Affordable Homeownership Projects That Prioritize Resident Control and Permanent Affordability
- Spur Innovation in Affordable Housing
- Improve the Housing Stock of Rural Rental Properties

B PART 5-B

PROMOTE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY BY EXPANDING THE HOUSING SUPPLY

Encourage development of housing supply in areas with high need and capacity, especially in areas near public transportation; incentivize the creation of affordable rental housing in a cost-efficient way; and allow for flexible conversions of existing commercial spaces into residential housing.

- Encourage the Creation of Safe Accessory Dwelling Units
- Spur Transit-Oriented Development
- Give the City of New York Authority to Encourage Densification
- Ease Restrictions on Converting Hotels and Offices to Residential Uses
- End the 421-a Tax Abatement and Establish a New Program That More Effectively Uses Public Dollars to Drive Affordability

MAKE NEW YORK'S HOUSING SYSTEM MORE AFFORDABLE, EQUITABLE, AND STABLE

C PART 5-C

EXPAND HOUSING ACCESS AND EQUITY TO KEEP MORE NEW YORKERS IN HOMES

Address unfair practices and improve housing stability for more New Yorkers, including those with weak credit histories, prior involvement in the criminal legal system, those vulnerable to eviction, and disaster victims. Together these actions can help New York show a better way forward on housing justice.

- Improve Housing Access for Renters with Justice Involvement or Negative Credit Histories
- Create an Eviction Prevention Legal Assistance Program to Improve Housing Stability
- Make Financing More Accessible and Affordable for Manufactured Homes
- Create a Permanent Disaster Recovery and Resiliency Unit to Help Rebuild Homes

D PART 5-D

DIRECT ACTION TO MEET THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS

Address street homelessness and prevent homelessness in the first place by taking aim at the root causes of homelessness: lack of stable and affordable housing, unmet needs for mental health or substance abuse, and poverty that forces people to choose between stable housing and other basic needs.

- Create and Preserve 10,000 Supportive Housing Units
- Establish Safe Options Support (SOS) Teams to Move People from Street Homelessness to Shelter and Housing
- Launch a Targeted Plan to Support Populations at Risk of Homelessness
- Address Poverty to Prevent Homelessness Statewide

SECTION

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**MAKE NEW YORK A NATIONAL
LEADER IN CLIMATE ACTION AND
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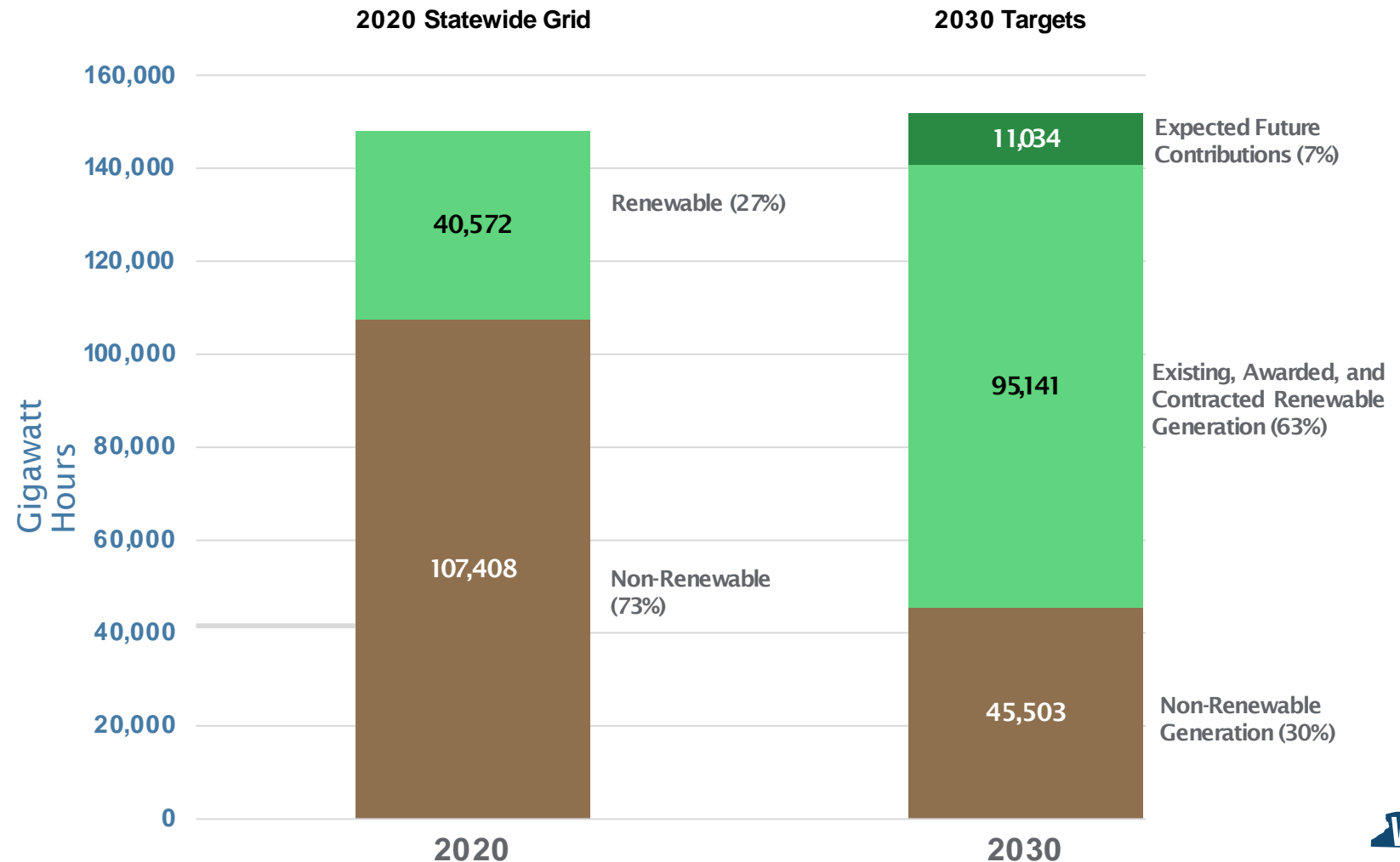
The 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act) is the nation's most ambitious state climate law. The Climate Act requires that New York reaches 70 percent renewable electricity and 40 percent economy-wide greenhouse gas reduction by 2030, zero-emission electricity by 2040, and net-zero greenhouse gas emissions economy-wide by 2050.

Now is the time to build on our momentum and implement a comprehensive vision for climate progress. Plans around renewable energy, green buildings, clean transportation, and environmental conservation will ensure that our state builds upon its national leadership role in both climate action and the clean energy economy, creating good-paying jobs and protecting the health and future of all New Yorkers.

MAKE NEW YORK A NATIONAL LEADER IN CLIMATE ACTION AND GREEN JOBS

To reach the CLCPA target of **70% renewable electricity statewide** by 2030, NYS will need to **more than double** renewable generation through major investments in **wind, solar, storage, and other technologies**³⁰

NYS Electricity Sources: Today and Our Targets For 2030³¹

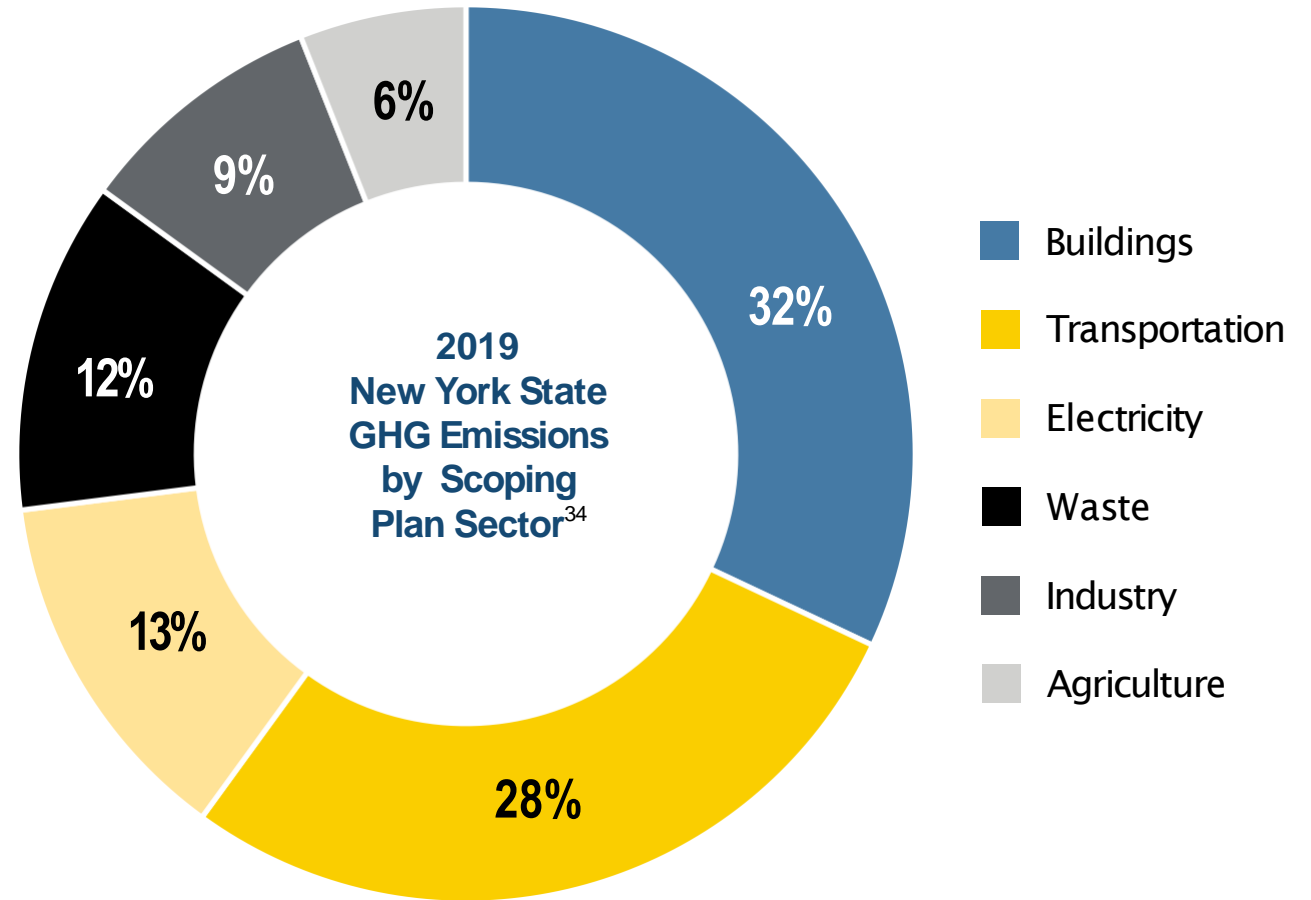


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Meeting the CLCPA target of a **40% emissions reduction** by 2030 will require actions in every sector³²

BUILDINGS & TRANSPORTATION

are the **leading sources** of emissions in New York State, and **vehicle emissions continue to grow**³³



MAKE NEW YORK A NATIONAL LEADER IN CLIMATE ACTION AND GREEN JOBS

A

PART 6-A

ACCELERATE THE RENEWABLE ENERGY ECONOMY TO PROTECT CLIMATE HEALTH AND CREATE JOBS

Implement an ambitious renewable energy and jobs agenda commensurate with the task at hand. This sweeping set of actions is anchored by the State's next offshore wind solicitation and a new nation-leading \$500 million investment to develop our state's offshore wind port infrastructure and supply chain that will create 2,000 jobs.

- Strengthen New York's Offshore Wind Leadership and Make a Nation-Leading \$500 Million Investment in Offshore Wind Manufacturing and Supply Chain
- Power One-Third of New York City with Wind, Solar, and Hydro
- Double Energy Storage Deployment to at Least 6 Gigawatts by 2030
- Make New York State a Green Hydrogen Hub
- Phase Out New York City's Most-Polluting Fossil-Fuel Facilities
- Achieve Net-Zero in State Investment Portfolios by 2040
- Create High-Quality Solar Jobs for More New Yorkers

B

PART 6-B

DECARBONIZE NEW YORK'S BUILDINGS

Decarbonize New York's building stock, anchored by a plan to achieve 2 million climate-friendly electrified or electrification-ready homes, by 2030 as well as ensure that all new building construction is zero-emissions by 2027. These actions will prioritize access for all New Yorkers, recognizing the disproportionate impact of pollution on historically disadvantaged communities.

- Achieve 2 Million Electrified or Electrification-Ready Homes by 2030
- Commit to Zero On-Site Greenhouse Gas Emissions for New Construction No Later Than 2027 and Enact Nation-Leading Building Codes Legislation
- Bring Green Energy Solutions to Over 1,000 Public Schools
- Harden Infrastructure and Improve Reliability for Emergency Services Statewide
- Create 3 Virtual Power Plants Using State Government Buildings as a Proving Ground
- Begin Construction on Major Retrofit Showcase Projects in 2022

MAKE NEW YORK A NATIONAL LEADER IN CLIMATE ACTION AND GREEN JOBS

C

PART 6-C

ACCELERATE NEW YORK'S ADOPTION OF ELECTRIC, ZERO-EMISSIONS VEHICLES

Expand EV access and affordability, charging infrastructure, and job opportunities across the State. New York will lead by example with a concrete plan to electrify the state fleet. As the automotive industry changes, New York must be ready to change with it.

- Invest \$1 Billion to Support EV Adoption and Infrastructure
- Electrify the State Fleet by 2035
- Achieve 100% Electric School Buses by 2035
- Transform Hunts Point into a Clean Distribution Hub

D

PART 6-D

PROTECT NEW YORK'S ENVIRONMENT AND IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY SPACES

Invest in the communities at greatest risk from climate change, in the local programs needed to improve sustainability and resiliency, and in the parks and nature preserves enjoyed by us all.

- Increase Funding for the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act to \$4 Billion
- Expand Community Air Monitoring Statewide to Improve Air Quality
- Develop an Extreme Heat Action Plan to Protect Disadvantaged Communities
- Improve the Brownfield Cleanup Program and Promote Redevelopment
- Require Producers, Not Taxpayers, to Cover the Cost of Recycling
- Reduce Toxics in Packaging
- Safeguard the State's Water Resources
- Strengthen Green Procurement Standards for State Agencies
- Protect New York's Forest Preserve Lands in the Catskills and the Adirondacks
- Enhance Our State Park System

SECTION

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**REBUILD NEW YORK'S SCHOOL
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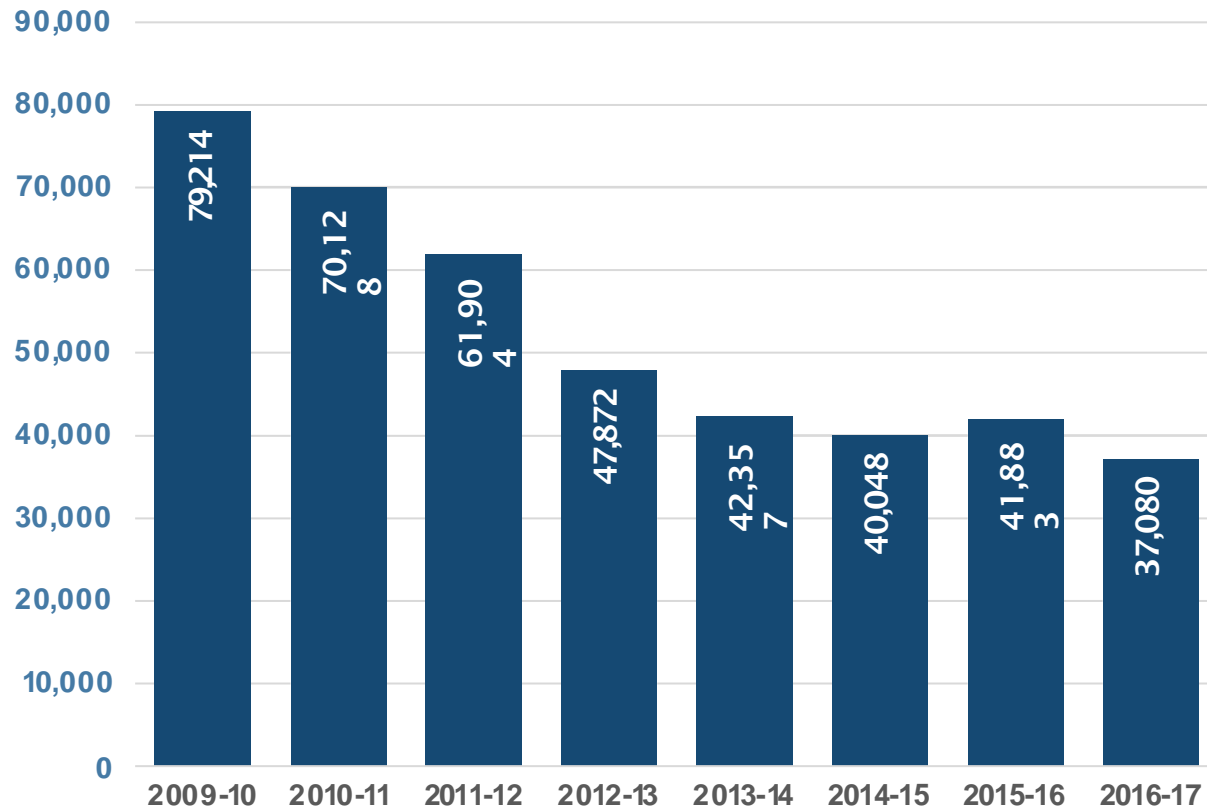
The pandemic created an unprecedented disruption to education in New York State, with the potential to reverberate across our economy for years and limit opportunities for an entire generation of students unless we take action. The pandemic also accelerated a vast teacher shortage that was already facing a steep retirement cliff in the coming years, making any recovery of this learning deficit that much harder.

Far more must be done to help New York's young people recover from the pandemic and get on a path to success. We must solve the teacher shortage and help our students through the academic and social-emotional challenges of the pandemic.

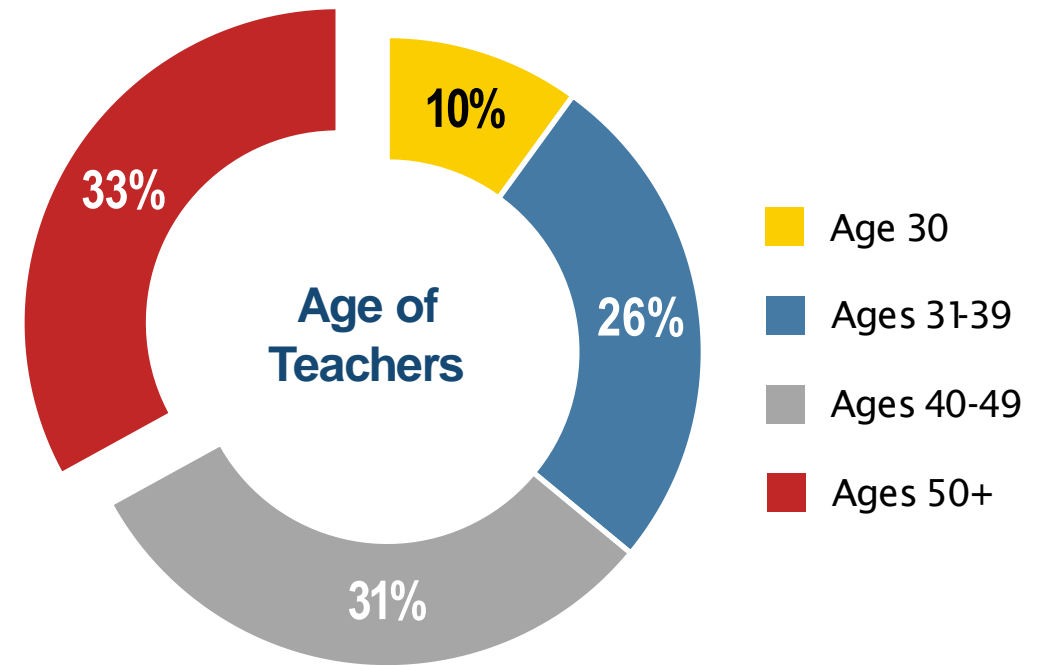
Our higher education system must innovate to address structural challenges, focus on meeting the regional needs of today's workforce, and reach new levels of institutional excellence if we want to give our students every possible opportunity and put them at the greatest competitive advantage.

REBUILD NEW YORK'S SCHOOL SYSTEM AND REIMAGINE HIGHER EDUCATION

Enrollment in State K-12 teacher education programs decreased by more than 53% over the past decade³⁵



One third of our K-12 public school teaching workforce is close to retirement age³⁶



REBUILD NEW YORK'S SCHOOL SYSTEM AND REIMAGINE HIGHER EDUCATION

SUNY has real strengths...



SUNY graduates make an **average income 20% higher** than the State's median³⁷

Debt among graduates of SUNY's four-year institutions is **significantly below peer institutions**³⁸



All four university centers rank higher on US News and World Report's ranking of social mobility than most top 20 public universities³⁹

...and real opportunities for growth



R&D expenditures at SUNY University Centers is less than half that of peers and has been flat over the **past 10 years**⁴⁰

There are **92,386 fewer students** than 10 years ago — a drop of **19.7%**⁴¹

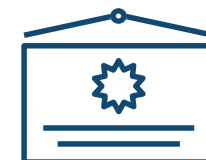
At community colleges enrollment is **down 34% over 10 years**⁴²



The 2020 six-year graduation rate at SUNY for Hispanic, Black, and Indigenous students were **61%, 57%, and 50%** respectively, compared to white students at 70%⁴³

2 out of 3 New York jobs require some post-secondary credential⁴⁴

Roughly **2.4 million** New Yorkers between ages 25 and 44 lack a post-secondary degree or credential⁴⁵



REBUILD NEW YORK'S SCHOOL SYSTEM AND REIMAGINE HIGHER EDUCATION

A

PART 7-A

INCREASE SUPPORT FOR EDUCATORS AND CHILDREN

Recruit and retain teachers, accelerate the teacher certification process, and create a robust pipeline of future educators to ensure this shortage never again threatens the opportunities for New York State families and children.

- Provide Incentives to Attract More Teachers and School Workers
- Accelerate the Teacher Certification Process
- Create a State Teacher Residency Program
- Fund New Cohorts of the Master Teacher Program
- Upskill Teacher Support Workers to Earn Their Certifications
- Provide Schools with Billions of Dollars by Fully Funding Foundation Aid
- Increase Access to Childcare for 100,000 Families and Invest \$75 Million in Wages for Childcare Workers

B

PART 7-B

REBUILD THE ACADEMIC AND SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS WORSENERD BY THE PANDEMIC

Help New York's school children get on and stay on the road to recovery through initiatives that close the academic and social-emotional gaps widened by COVID-19, ensuring that the pandemic does not prevent students from getting all the educational opportunities they need and deserve.

- Provide Learning and Mental Health Grants to High-Need Districts
- Connect the Student Service Corps with Community Groups to Meet Local Needs
- Pilot Programs to Create Positive School Climates

REBUILD NEW YORK'S SCHOOL SYSTEM AND REIMAGINE HIGHER EDUCATION

C PART 7-C

HELP TWO-THIRDS OF NEW YORKERS EARN A POST-SECONDARY DEGREE BY 2030

Make higher education in our state more affordable and accessible: whether students are seeking a two-year degree, a four-year degree, or a non-degree credential; whether they are going full-time or part-time; and whether they are looking for their first job, or a new and better job. These actions will help two-thirds of New Yorkers earn a post-secondary credential (degree or non-degree) by 2030.

- Expand Access to College-Level Courses
- Expand the Part-Time Tuition Assistance Program to Serve 75,000 Additional Students
- Provide Tuition-Free Workforce Credential Programs at Community Colleges for High-Demand Fields
- Provide Childcare at All SUNY/CUNY Campuses
- Award Prior Learning Credit Across SUNY and CUNY
- Support Internships for SUNY and CUNY Students

D PART 7-D

TRANSFORM SUNY INTO A NATION-LEADING PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Enable SUNY to become the State's engine for economic development and upward mobility and to become the best and most equitable statewide system of higher education in the country. That includes helping each part of the SUNY system—the university centers and doctoral-granting institutions, comprehensive colleges, community colleges, and technology colleges—lead the country when compared to peers, at every credential or degree level.

- Develop Global, National, and Regional Research Institutions, Including Stony Brook and Buffalo as SUNY's Flagship Institutions
- Become a Leader in Equity
- Streamline the Application and Financial Aid Process and Offer a Single Consolidated Application for Financial Aid
- Redesign the 21st-Century College System
- Help Individual SUNY Campuses Establish Distinct Identities
- Build Bridges Between Education and Work
- Become a Leader in Adult Learning Opportunities

SECTION

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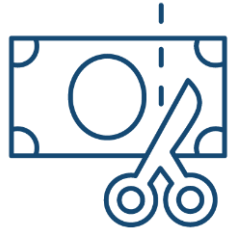
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The events of the past two years have marked a critical, if long overdue, turning point in national awareness of social injustice and inequity. New York has a strong foundation to build on with its Human Rights Law, first passed in 1945 and updated many times since. It is one of the oldest and most expansive anti-discrimination laws in the country. But as the pandemic continues to expose vast disparities in our social and economic systems, and as hate crimes and subtler but no less damaging forms of discrimination continue to harm both New Yorkers and our communities, we must be even more intentional about the actions we take to ensure that our state is truly working on behalf of everyone we have vowed to serve.

In furtherance of its commitment to equity and social justice, New York State will advance a wide-ranging plan to promote and support gender equity, racial equity, anti-hate, social justice, the LGBTQIA+ community, immigrants and new arrivals, and veterans with the goal of protecting the health, safety, economic opportunities, and fundamental dignity of every New Yorker.

ADVANCE NEW YORK'S PLACE AS A NATIONAL EQUITY MODEL



Although New York has narrowed the gender pay gap to be one of the lowest in the nation, women working full-time still only make **85 cents for every dollar** a man earns⁴⁶



Nationally, transgender people are at least **10x** more likely to be assaulted while incarcerated than the general prison population⁴⁷

By mid-December 2021, **543 hate and biased-incidents** were reported to the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) by law enforcement agencies throughout the State **an increase of 65%** from 329 incidents in 2020.⁴⁸

Since the beginning of the pandemic:

The **labor force participation rate**⁴⁹ for women decreased by



The **unemployment rate** for women⁵⁰ increased by



The **number of women not in the labor force**⁵¹ (not actively seeking work) increased by nearly

43,000



New York has a **three-year backlog** (4000+) of applications for Minority and Women-Owned Business (MWBE) certifications⁵²



ADVANCE NEW YORK'S PLACE AS A NATIONAL EQUITY MODEL

A

PART 8 - A

ENSURE GENDER EQUITY AND EQUAL RIGHTS

- Create a Council on Gender Equity
- Protect Reproductive Access for All
- Pass an Equal Rights Amendment This Session

B

PART 8 - B

PROMOTE ANTI-HATE, RACIAL EQUITY, AND JUSTICE FOR ALL NEW YORKERS

- Bolster the Nation's Strongest Anti-Discrimination Law
- Establish a Hate and Bias Prevention Unit to Improve Incident Response and Invest in Preventative Measures
- Expand Benefits for Victims of Hate Crimes and Other Acts of Violence by Increasing the Cap for the Replacement of Essential Personal Property
- Promote Equity and Economic Justice in New York's Cannabis Industry

C

PART 8 - C

BUILD ON NEW YORK'S NATION-LEADING SUPPORT FOR MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES

- Invest in Faster MWBE Certifications and Address the Backlog in Pending Certifications
- Establish a Faster, Dedicated MWBE Appeals Unit to Address the Backlog in Appeals
- Promote Equal Access to Reduced-Rate Loans for MWBE Businesses



ADVANCE NEW YORK'S PLACE AS A NATIONAL EQUITY MODEL

D PART 8-D

PROTECT NEW YORK'S LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

- Support LGBTQIA+ Health Services
- Ensure Gender-Affirming Treatment of Individuals in State Correctional Facilities
- Provide Gender "X" Options at All Public-Facing State Agencies

E PART 8-E

STRENGTHEN IMMIGRANT SERVICES

- Increase Funding for the Liberty Defense Project
- Strengthen the Office for New Americans
- Codify Language Access Policy and Create a New Office of Language Access

F PART 8-F

BOOST LOCAL VETERANS' PROGRAMS

- Reinforce Support for Local Veterans' Service Agencies
- Expand the Joseph P. Dwyer Peer-to-Peer Veterans' Support Program Statewide
- Expand the Veterans' FreshConnect Program to Fight Food Insecurity
- Expand Rollout of Veterans' Welcome Center Kiosks
- Support the Military-to-Civilian Transition Pathway
- Extend and Enhance Tax Credits for Hiring Veterans



SECTION

9

**MAKE CRITICAL REFORMS TO
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Across the country, Americans are in the midst of a historic decline in public trust in government — little wonder given recent political events. Since the 1960s, when up to 77 percent of Americans trusted the federal government to do the right thing, that faith has fallen steadily, settling in the teens and low 20s in recent years. This dramatic decline holds true across both major political parties: it has been more than a decade since more than one-third of either Democrats or Republicans expressed trust in their national leaders.

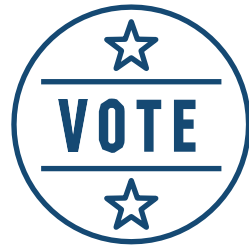
Trust in State government is generally higher among Americans, but that too is in decline — as of September 2021, it was at its lowest point since 2009. The Hochul Administration has taken steps to restore this faith, including announcing new transparency plans from more than 70 executive agencies and public authorities in October. But as we continue to recover from the social and economic devastation of the pandemic, New Yorkers of all backgrounds, across all parties, and from all regions expect even more from their elected leaders who pledge to serve their best interest.

MAKE CRITICAL REFORMS TO RESTORE NEW YORKERS' FAITH IN THEIR GOVERNMENT

New York's estimated voter turnout for 2020 is **65.3%** of eligible voters, ranking New York

30th OUT OF 50 STATES

for voter turnout, and falling below the national average of **66.5%**⁵³



36 states have term limits for Governor⁵⁴

82% of New York State voters support term limits⁵⁵

Show the country what good and honest government looks like. Limit statewide elected officials to two consecutive terms. Other key initiatives are designed to overhaul the State's ethics commission and increase transparency through all levels of state government.

- Enact a Two-Term Limit — and Ban Outside Income — for Statewide Elected Officials
- Enact a State-Level Voting Rights Act
- Replace J COPE with an Effective Watchdog
- Make Voting Easier by Lowering the Voter Registration Deadline to 10 Days Before an Election
- Strengthen Ethics Requirements for Local Officials
- Require Polling Locations on College Campuses

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