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A Special Update on the 2011 New York State Budget *in this brochure:*

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Dear Friend:

I have sent you this newsletter as part of my pledge to keep you informed about your state government. I hope you will find it informative and helpful.

Enclosed you will find an update on the 2011-12 State Budget, comparing it with last year's budget and showing where revenue is coming from and where it is being spent. I have also provided information about the taxes and fees you pay on a gallon of gas in New York, as well as a comparison with other states.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns on what you have read, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (607) 648-6080.

Sincerely,



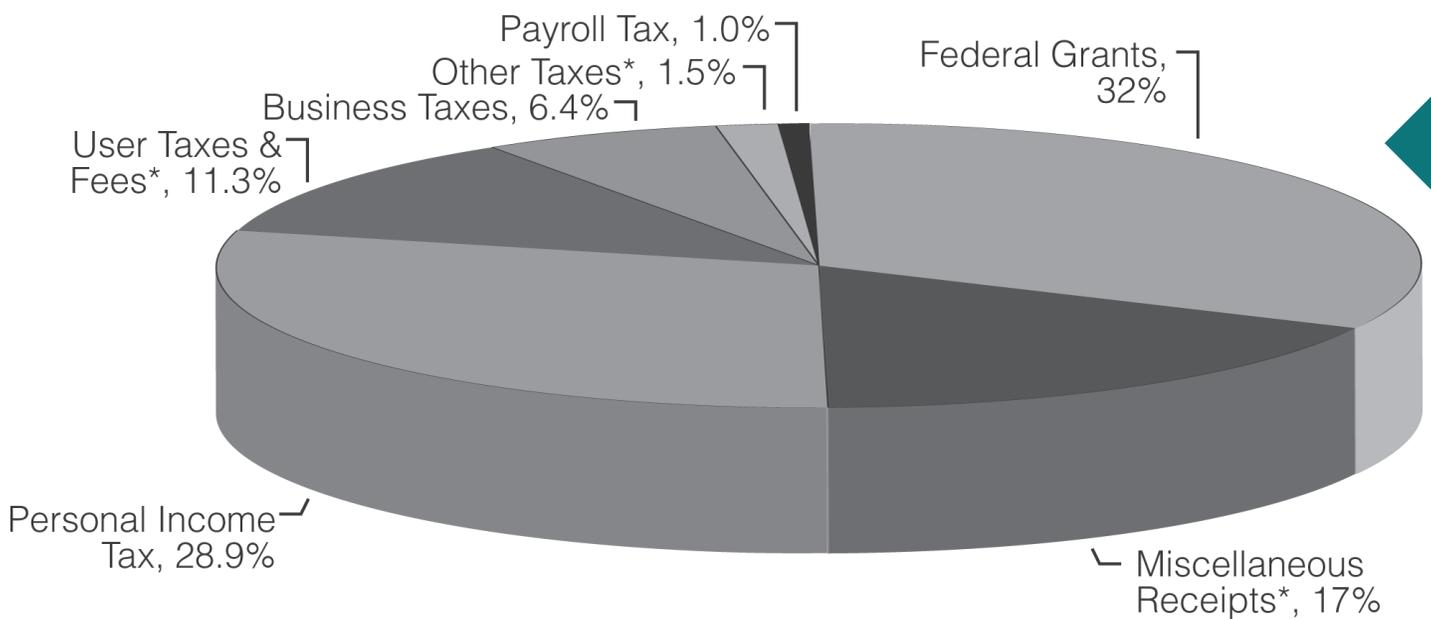
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A Comparison

Last Year's State Budget: \$134.8 billion
 This Year's State Budget: \$131.7 billion

The following diagrams show where state government gets its money from and where that revenue is being spent. These diagrams show the latest information for the 2011-12 State Budget.

**Money Coming In...
(\$131.7 billion)**



User Taxes and Fees* - Sales and Use Tax, Cigarette and Tobacco Taxes, Motor Fuel Tax, Alcoholic Beverage Taxes, Highway Use Tax
 Other Taxes* - Estate Tax, Real Estate Transfer Tax, Gift Tax, Real Property Gains Tax, Pari-Mutuel Tax
 Miscellaneous Receipts* - Licenses, Motor Vehicle Fees, Abandoned Property, Investment Income and Reimbursements

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Assistance

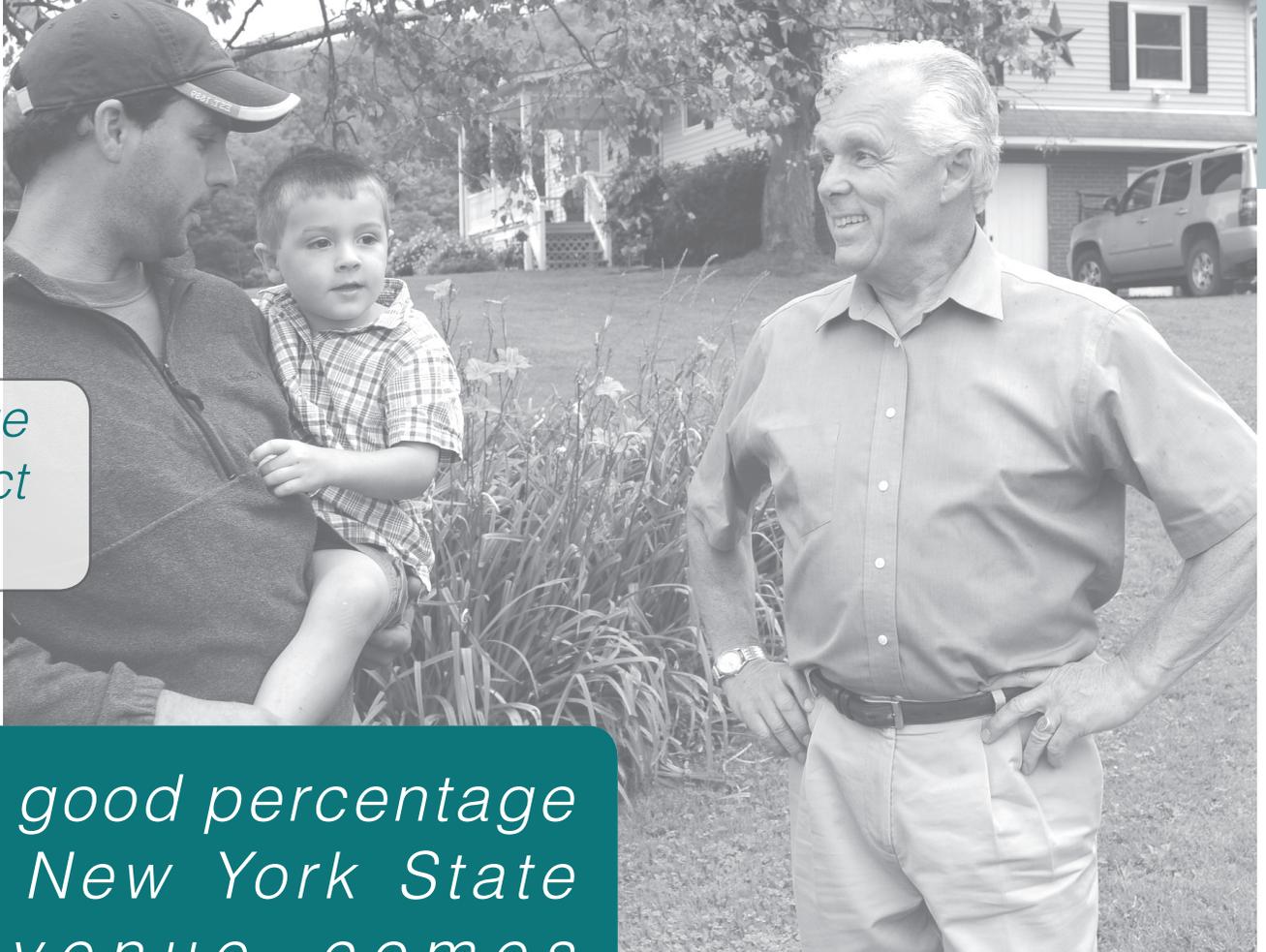
Elected Officials,
General Government, 0.9%

Education, 22.9%

Education and Healthcare make up the biggest percentages of the budget

Higher Education, 7.4%
 Public Protection/
Criminal Justice, 7.4%
 Mental Hygiene

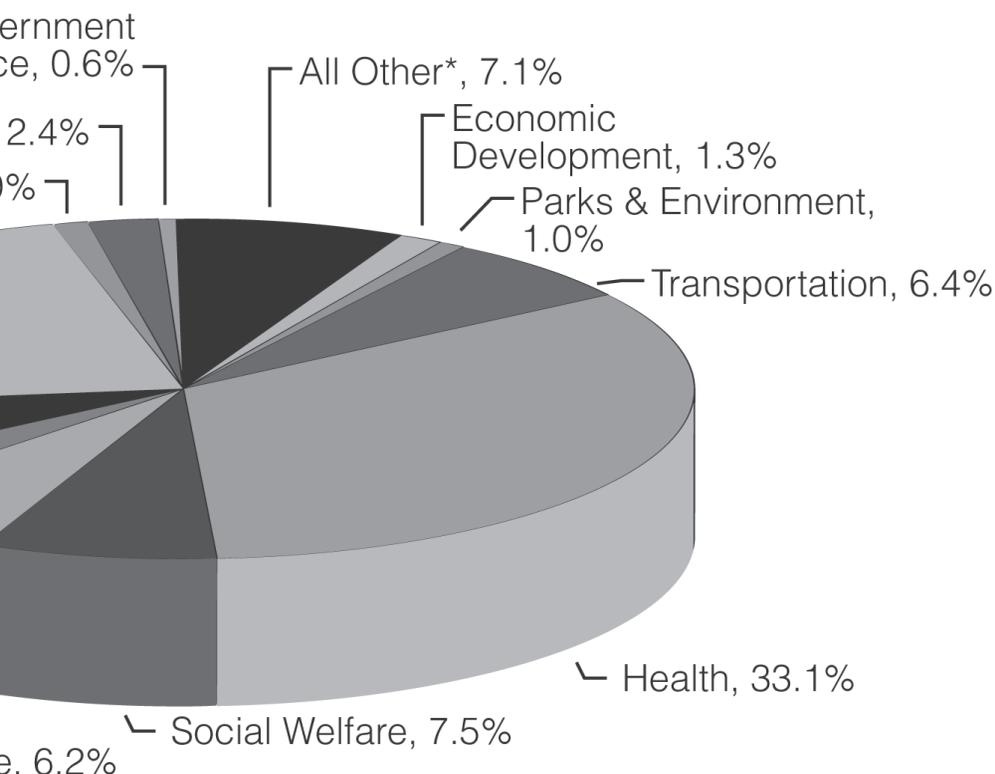
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“A good percentage of New York State revenue comes from Federal grant money.”

Money Going Out... (\$131.7 billion)



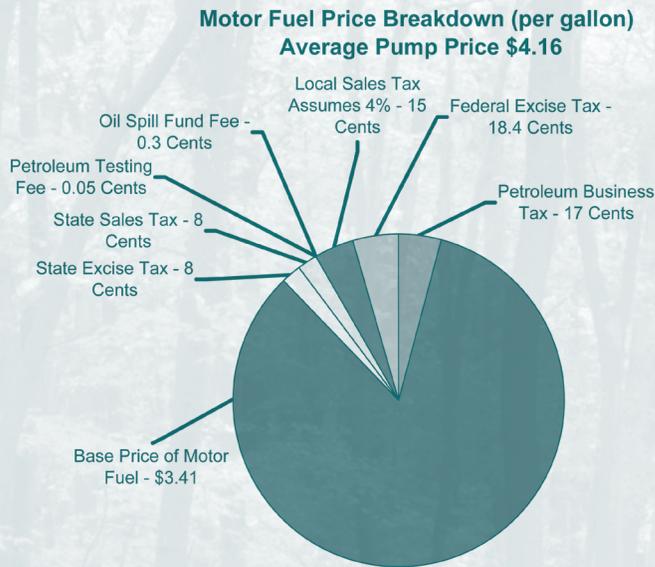
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AS WE ENTER THE TRAVEL/CONSTRUCTION SEASON, THIS IS WHERE YOUR MONEY IS GOING:



New Yorkers pay the third-highest gas prices in the continental United States.

- 1 Connecticut
- 2 California
- 3 New York

New Yorkers pay 67 cents/gallon in taxes on gasoline



WHAT IS THE...

Petroleum Business Tax, State Excise Tax and Federal Excise Tax?

Revenue goes to fund mass transportation, highways and bridges, and operating assistance for mass transportation.

State Sales Tax?

Revenue goes to the State General Fund.

Petroleum Testing Fee?

A fee to cover monitoring to ensure the fuel contains the proper chemical makeup (i.e. proper ratio of ethanol to gasoline, etc.)

Oil Spill Fund Fee?

A fee to help offset costs if an oil spill occurs.

Local Sales Tax?

Local governments impose their portion of sales tax on motor fuel and diesel motor fuel at their authorized local sales tax rate, ranging from 3% to 4.75%. They are authorized to also cap their sales tax at a cents-per-gallon similar to the State's Sales Tax.

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