

# CAPITAL DISTRICT DATA

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## Taxation Statistics

This publication contains a series of statistical tabulations detailing taxes administered by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. The information

presented includes revenues and selected tax structure and consumption information for the State's major taxes. Full reports can be downloaded from the NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance website: [http://www.tax.ny.gov/research/stats/statistics/stat\\_fy\\_collections.htm](http://www.tax.ny.gov/research/stats/statistics/stat_fy_collections.htm)

### Real Estate Transfer Tax Collections

County	Recording Officers' Fees	Amount Paid to State Tax Dept.
<b>Fiscal Year 2010</b>		
Albany	\$6,101	\$3,385,476
Rensselaer	\$3,599	\$1,283,723
Saratoga	\$5,693	\$3,377,275
Schenectady	\$3,698	\$1,425,179
Region	\$19,091	\$9,471,653
New York State	\$299,583	\$496,655,149
<b>Fiscal Year 2011</b>		
Albany	\$5,477	\$3,417,381
Rensselaer	\$3,207	\$1,156,527
Saratoga	\$5,700	\$3,675,148
Schenectady	\$3,307	\$1,282,579
Region	\$17,691	\$9,531,635
New York State	\$289,437	\$574,169,123
<b>Fiscal Year 2012</b>		
Albany	\$5,526	\$2,937,636
Rensselaer	\$3,191	\$1,429,954
Saratoga	\$5,315	\$3,211,833
Schenectady	\$3,153	\$1,185,998
Region	\$17,185	\$8,765,421
New York State	\$284,180	\$630,383,067
<b>Fiscal Year 2013</b>		
Albany	\$6,301	\$3,872,171
Rensselaer	\$3,726	\$1,451,368
Saratoga	\$6,144	\$4,124,203
Schenectady	\$3,456	\$1,367,075
Region	\$19,627	\$10,814,817
New York State	\$302,899	\$724,504,650
<b>Fiscal Year 2014</b>		
Albany	\$6,371	\$4,471,416
Rensselaer	\$3,725	\$1,526,063
Saratoga	\$6,222	\$4,842,502
Schenectady	\$3,537	\$1,404,059
Region	\$19,855	\$12,244,040
New York State	\$321,909	\$908,593,945

### Estate Tax Collections

County	Gross Collections	Refunds	Net Collections
<b>Fiscal Year 2010</b>			
Albany	\$5,066,719	\$154,815	\$4,911,904
Rensselaer	\$2,916,931	\$56,218	\$2,860,713
Saratoga	\$1,860,147	\$87,125	\$1,773,022
Schenectady	\$2,921,269	\$61,968	\$2,859,301
Region	\$12,765,066	\$360,126	\$12,404,940
New York State	\$863,560,628	\$46,727,864	\$816,832,764
<b>Fiscal Year 2011</b>			
Albany	\$14,707,081	\$1,291,507	\$13,415,574
Rensselaer	\$3,311,115	\$73,741	\$3,237,374
Saratoga	\$3,366,362	\$204,536	\$3,161,826
Schenectady	\$2,413,816	\$150,845	\$2,262,971
Region	\$23,798,374	\$1,720,629	\$22,077,745
New York State	\$1,235,306,109	\$49,491,055	\$1,185,815,054
<b>Fiscal Year 2012</b>			
Albany	\$6,893,540	\$859,449	\$6,034,091
Rensselaer	\$1,255,244	\$139,814	\$1,115,430
Saratoga	\$2,543,758	\$186,186	\$2,357,572
Schenectady	\$2,792,443	\$82,967	\$2,709,476
Region	\$13,484,985	\$1,268,416	\$12,216,569
New York State	\$1,118,559,511	\$68,047,989	\$1,050,511,522
<b>Fiscal Year 2013</b>			
Albany	\$11,874,698	\$158,755	\$11,715,943
Rensselaer	\$2,166,150	\$543,024	\$1,623,126
Saratoga	\$5,286,125	\$37,822	\$5,248,303
Schenectady	\$7,381,424	\$415,042	\$6,966,382
Region	\$26,708,397	\$1,154,643	\$25,553,754
New York State	\$1,017,421,534	\$55,999,367	\$961,422,167
<b>Fiscal Year 2014</b>			
Albany	\$7,137,053	\$1,417,382	\$5,719,671
Rensselaer	\$1,762,149	\$106,911	\$1,655,238
Saratoga	\$4,075,841	\$146,196	\$3,929,645
Schenectady	\$11,008,544	\$301,159	\$10,707,386
Region	\$23,983,587	\$1,971,648	\$22,011,940
New York State	\$1,273,985,506	\$57,427,738	\$1,216,557,768



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## Mortgage Tax Collections by County

County	Num. of Mortgages Recorded	Amt. of Taxes Collected	Additional Tax 1/	Additional Tax 2/	Local Tax 4/	Net Paid to Co. Treasurers 5/
<b>State Fiscal Year 2010</b>						
Albany	11,714	\$17,765,461	\$3,326,093	\$2,997,503	\$3,585,397	\$10,739,369
Rensselaer	7,234	\$7,815,368	\$1,508,273	\$1,346,092	\$1,639,292	\$4,923,142
Saratoga	10,849	\$15,875,220	\$3,864,271	\$3,680,487	N/A	\$8,215,462
Schenectady	5,811	\$7,403,674	\$1,394,208	\$1,273,784	\$1,521,445	\$4,561,143
Region	35,608	\$48,859,723	\$10,092,845	\$9,297,866	\$6,746,134	\$28,439,116
New York State	467,946	\$1,015,040,442	\$185,551,443	\$66,771,090	\$281,588,106	\$647,026,492
<b>State Fiscal Year 2011</b>						
Albany	11,014	\$16,912,185	\$3,221,312	\$2,823,735	\$3,465,693	\$10,368,512
Rensselaer	6,558	\$7,873,821	\$1,535,518	\$1,324,453	\$1,658,254	\$4,977,851
Saratoga	10,402	\$14,889,710	\$3,655,981	\$3,352,384	N/A	\$7,766,345
Schenectady	5,226	\$6,313,741	\$1,191,097	\$1,037,264	\$1,304,925	\$3,910,841
Region	33,200	\$45,989,457	\$9,603,908	\$8,537,836	\$6,428,872	\$27,023,549
New York State	447,974	\$1,036,827,652	\$186,366,879	\$70,683,959	\$307,607,284	\$670,433,033
<b>State Fiscal Year 2012</b>						
Albany	9,882	\$15,811,284	\$3,021,971	\$2,617,439	\$3,224,568	\$9,673,446
Rensselaer	5,940	\$6,699,698	\$1,310,472	\$1,133,454	\$1,406,112	\$4,219,772
Saratoga	9,180	\$12,901,151	\$3,182,921	\$2,843,772	N/A	\$6,759,459
Schenectady	4,694	\$5,616,143	\$1,069,649	\$866,519	\$1,168,297	\$3,504,700
Region	29,696	\$41,028,276	\$8,585,013	\$7,461,184	\$5,798,977	\$24,157,377
New York State	428,339	\$1,124,159,703	\$193,633,576	\$83,474,311	\$374,677,358	\$745,655,587
<b>State Fiscal Year 2013</b>						
Albany	12,346	\$22,892,487	\$4,440,898	\$3,870,000	\$4,694,973	\$14,080,868
Rensselaer	7,771	\$8,186,286	\$1,602,670	\$1,345,549	\$1,732,088	\$5,200,538
Saratoga	11,852	\$17,950,688	\$4,456,664	\$3,949,689	N/A	\$9,424,479
Schenectady	5,878	\$7,770,404	\$1,494,578	\$1,250,370	\$1,617,329	\$4,848,953
Region	37,847	\$56,799,865	\$11,994,810	\$10,415,608	\$8,044,390	\$33,554,838
New York State	494,449	\$1,481,063,300	\$250,987,955	\$116,923,708	\$520,057,733	\$995,923,073
<b>State Fiscal Year 2014</b>						
Albany	10,020	\$17,682,935	\$3,427,729	\$2,858,084	\$3,636,778	\$10,898,694
Rensselaer	6,303	\$7,137,606	\$1,399,186	\$1,171,987	\$1,508,714	\$4,530,432
Saratoga	9,762	\$15,923,112	\$3,976,409	\$3,466,990	N/A	\$8,364,713
Schenectady	4,924	\$6,223,284	\$1,192,652	\$975,197	\$1,293,482	\$3,880,964
Region	31,009	\$46,966,937	\$9,995,975	\$8,472,258	\$6,438,973	\$27,674,803
New York State	448,563	\$1,765,071,336	\$293,034,614	\$141,133,028	\$660,916,846	\$1,204,046,629

1/ Revenues paid to regional transportation authorities serving the counties where the additional tax is collected.

2/ Revenues paid to the State Mortgage Insurance Fund account serving the region where the county is located.

3/ Funds from this additional tax are not included in the above table and have been omitted intentionally since they do not impact the Capital Region

4/ Any county of the state may impose a mortgage recording tax by enacting a local law and receiving authority and empowerment from the state legislature to adopt and amend the local law.

5/ Amount of taxes collected, less expenses of recording officers, refunded taxes, and additional taxes paid to transportation authorities

## CDRPC Lends Support to the Albany County Land Bank

CDRPC has partnered with the Albany County Land Bank to facilitate with organizing and maintaining a centralized database. The Albany County Land Bank was established in 2014 to address vacant properties in Albany County. Land banks have become a popular tool for addressing the blight caused by vacant properties. At its most basic a land bank acquires properties that are in distress and rehabilitates them. This removes the properties from a persistent cycle of abandonment and disrepair.

The scope of the project will require intensive data management. Currently, the Land Bank is in the process of acquiring property from the County, but without a comprehensive database of the vacant properties this process could be slowed.

Working with the Land Bank, CDRPC will assist in the collection and organization of vacant properties data. Coordinating with local municipalities, neighborhood groups, and non-profits, CDRPC will assemble a comprehensive database that will be centrally located and shared among the interested parties. This new database will act as a portal for all relevant information regarding vacant properties, eliminating the proliferation of competing, inconsistent, databases. When completed this centralized database will greatly assist in the decision making process.

For more information about the Albany County Land Bank program, please go to <http://www.albanycounty.com/landbank>

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With CDRPC's facilitation, the Albany Pool Communities (the cities of Albany, Troy, Rensselaer, Cohoes, Watervliet, and the village of Green Island) have submitted to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) the final draft of the Albany Pool and County Sewer District Inter-Municipal Agreements. (IMA) This agreement provides guidance documents and Local Development Corporation (LDC) articles of incorporation to implement the regional Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan (CSO LTCP). The CSO LTCP's goal is to control discharges from combined sewer systems per the requirements outlined in an Order on Consent the Pool Communities signed with the NYS DEC in January.

The Pool's Discharge Notification System, is now online and fully operational. The website is [www.albanypool.org](http://www.albanypool.org). This site will ultimately serve the dual purposes of both the sewer right-to-know notification, as required under Compliance with the requirements of Sewage Pollution Right to Know Act, and the public advisory notification proposed as part of the Albany Pool CSO LTCP to provide the public with a better understanding of CSO impacts on the water quality of the Hudson River and its tributaries.

In November DEC announced that Albany and Troy were successfully awarded \$1 million in Water Quality Improvement Grant funds administered by DEC. These funds will be used for implementation of two LTCP projects, North Swan St. Park Green Infrastructure in Albany and the Monument Square Green Infrastructure Project in Troy. CDRPC provided extensive grant writing assistance for these two applications.

By working cooperatively, the six Albany Pool communities have reduced, and will continue to reduce, the costs of the combined sewer overflow system. If the communities worked independently, each would have to develop their own LTCPs, relying on separate engineering contracts and legal services. Furthermore, NYSDEC would have to expend resources negotiating as many as six individual LTCPs, resulting in higher overall costs. Using experience gained from the Capital Region's Juvenile Detention Center, a cooperatively- managed facility, the Pool Communities coordinated approach to meeting water quality standards will pay dividends by reducing costs for each community, while delivering on improved environmental conditions for all communities along the Hudson River.

## Employment, Unemployment, & Unemployment Rates

Employment	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14
Albany County	145.7	146.0	144.8	142.9	144.0	144.6	145.3	145.6	148.2	148.1	146.6	143.7	145.2
Rensselaer County	76.6	76.8	76.2	75.1	75.7	76.1	76.4	76.6	77.9	77.9	77.1	75.6	76.4
Saratoga County	110.8	111.0	110.1	108.6	109.5	109.9	110.5	110.7	112.7	112.6	111.5	109.2	110.4
Schenectady County	69.7	69.9	69.3	68.3	68.9	69.2	69.5	69.7	70.9	70.8	70.1	68.7	69.5
Capital District Region	402.8	403.7	400.4	394.9	398.1	399.8	401.7	402.6	409.7	409.4	405.3	397.2	401.5
Unemployment	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14
Albany County	9.1	8.3	7.9	9.2	9.2	8.4	6.8	7.7	8.0	8.6	8.0	7.3	7.3
Rensselaer County	4.9	4.5	4.5	5.4	5.5	5.2	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.0	4.0
Saratoga County	6.2	5.9	5.9	6.8	7.2	6.6	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.5	5.1	5.0	5.1
Schenectady County	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.8	5.0	4.5	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.8
Capital District Region	24.9	23.1	22.6	26.2	26.9	24.7	19.8	21.3	21.8	23.2	21.6	20.1	20.2
Unemployment Rates	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14
Albany County	5.9%	5.4%	5.2%	6.0%	6.0%	5.5%	4.5%	5.0%	5.2%	5.5%	5.2%	4.9%	4.8%
Rensselaer County	6.0%	5.6%	5.6%	6.7%	6.8%	6.4%	5.0%	5.3%	5.4%	5.7%	5.4%	5.0%	5.0%
Saratoga County	5.3%	5.1%	5.1%	5.9%	6.2%	5.7%	4.6%	4.6%	4.5%	4.7%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%
Schenectady County	6.3%	5.9%	5.8%	6.5%	6.7%	6.2%	5.1%	5.4%	5.4%	5.8%	5.6%	5.2%	5.1%
Capital District Region	5.9%	5.5%	5.4%	6.3%	6.4%	6.0%	4.8%	5.1%	5.1%	5.4%	5.2%	4.9%	4.8%
New York State	7.3%	6.8%	6.6%	7.3%	7.7%	7.2%	6.1%	6.4%	6.5%	6.7%	6.1%	5.6%	5.7%
United States	7.2%	7.0%	6.7%	6.6%	6.7%	6.7%	6.3%	6.3%	6.1%	6.2%	6.1%	5.9%	5.8%

Source: New York State Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics figures are in 1,000s



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## 2009-13 American Community Survey Data Released

The US Census Bureau recently released the 2009-2013 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year estimates. The ACS releases 5-year estimates annually providing refreshed statistics for many distinct geographies including the nation, all 50 states, DC, Puerto Rico, counties, places, ZCTAs, census tracts, and block groups. These estimates give even the smallest communities timely information on more than 40 topics, such as educational attainment, income, occupation, commuting to work, language spoken at home, nativity, ancestry and selected monthly homeowner costs.

The 2009-13 ACS represents an average estimate of selective statistics from each of the five years. As a result, any comparison between 5-year estimates can be difficult since they share overlapping years. The first 5-year ACS provided estimates for the years 2005-09, all subsequent releases have

therefore shared data.

However, next year's 2010-14 ACS will mark the first 5-year estimate that will not contain data from between 2005-09. Next year's 5-year ACS will therefore allow for a direct comparison with the 2005-09 5-year ACS, a first since the ACS was developed.

To access ACS data directly, visit <http://factfinder2.census.gov>.

CDRPC will be updating its community fact sheets with the 2009-2013 ACS data. Additionally, the 2009-13 ACS Demographic Profiles have been posted at: <http://cdrpc.org>

## Consumer Price Index

2012-13 Percent Change in CPI: 1.4846%

Unadjusted CPI	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14
U.S. City Average	233.1	233.0	233.9	234.8	236.3	237.1	237.9	238.3	238.3	237.9	238.0	237.4	236.2
Northeast Urban Average	249.5	249.6	251.0	251.2	252.4	252.5	253.6	253.6	253.8	253.2	253.2	252.7	251.8
% Change From Same Month in Previous Year	Nov 12- Nov 13	Dec 12- Dec 13	Jan 13- Jan 14	Feb 13- Feb 14	Mar 13- Mar 14	Apr 13- Apr 14	May 13- May 14	Jun 13- Jun 14	Jul 13- Jul 14	Aug 13- Aug 14	Sep 13- Sep 14	Oct 13- Oct 14	Nov 13- Nov 14
U.S. City Average	1.2%	1.5%	1.6%	1.1%	1.5%	2.0%	2.1%	2.1%	2.0%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	1.3%
Northeast Urban Average	1.0%	1.3%	1.5%	1.0%	1.5%	1.6%	2.0%	1.9%	1.8%	1.3%	1.2%	1.4%	0.9%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

1982-84 = 100

Note: Data are NOT Seasonally Adjusted