



PUBLIC SAFETY



KEEPING NEW YORKERS SAFE

The Executive Budget includes targeted public safety investments to keep New Yorkers safe and improve quality of life. These investments are focused on specific categories of crime, including property theft and domestic violence. This comprehensive public safety funding plan builds on historic investments in proven gun violence prevention programs and the criminal justice system.

Public Safety Agencies

New York State's Public Safety agencies assist local communities with crime prevention, supervise criminal offenders both in prison and in the community, patrol highways, protect critical State assets, and respond to natural disasters and terrorist threats.

The **Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS)** is responsible for providing services to incarcerated individuals in safe and secure facilities, preparing incarcerated individuals for release, and ensuring those individuals receive appropriate monitoring and support while under community supervision.

The **Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)** collects and analyzes statewide crime data, administers local criminal justice programs, administers the State's Sex Offender Registry and DNA Databank, and tracks the effectiveness of system-wide criminal justice strategies designed to enhance public safety.

The **Division of State Police (DSP)** protects the citizens of the State, prevents and detects crime and other violations of law, and promotes highway safety.

The **Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES)** is dedicated to the preparation and protection of the State's citizens, communities, resources, economy, and infrastructure from threats and acts of terrorism, natural disasters, and other emergencies.

The **Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS)** and the associated Indigent Legal Services Board are responsible for examining, overseeing, and ensuring

the quality of legal representation for residents who are unable to afford an attorney.

The **Division of Military and Naval Affairs (DMNA)** encompasses all of New York's reserve forces including the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Naval Militia and New York Guard; providing land, air, and naval military forces and facilities capable of executing global missions across unified operations in support of our communities, State, and Nation.

The **Office of Victim Services (OVS)** provides compensation to victims of crime, funds direct services to crime victims via a network of community-based programs, and advocates for the rights and benefits of all innocent victims of crime.

PUBLIC SAFETY SPENDING

The Executive Budget makes targeted investments in initiatives that will strengthen efforts to keep New Yorkers safe. Spending for New York State's public safety agencies is projected at \$8.5 billion for FY 2025.

Proposed FY 2025 Budget Actions

Combat the Rise in Hate Crime. The Executive Budget includes an increase of \$10 million for the next round of the Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes (SCAHC) program, for a total of \$35 million. These grants provide funding to boost safety and security for certain organizations at risk of hate crimes or attacks because of their ideology, beliefs, or mission. The Executive Budget also includes legislation to expand the list of crimes eligible for prosecution as a hate crime.

Stopping Organized Retail Theft. The Executive Budget includes \$40.2 million to tackle property crime and bring relief to small businesses. This funding includes measures to:

- Deploy Dedicated Retail Theft State Police Teams. The Executive Budget includes \$25.2 million in new funding to deploy a dedicated State Police team to build cases against organized retail theft rings and create a new State Police enforcement unit dedicated to this purpose.

- **Deploy Dedicated Retail Theft Teams in District Attorney (DA) Offices.** The Executive Budget includes \$10 million in funding for DAs to prosecute property crime cases.
- **Fund Local Law Enforcement to Combat Retail Theft.** The Executive Budget includes \$5 million in additional State funding to build the capacity of local law enforcement efforts to combat retail theft.
- The Executive Budget includes legislation making it illegal to foster the sale of stolen goods online and increasing criminal penalties for assault of retail workers.

Preventing and Prosecuting Domestic Violence. The Executive Budget includes \$40.8 million to reduce assaults with a focus on domestic violence. These investments are designed to increase the prosecution of domestic violence cases among high-risk offenders and to help survivors recover and regain stability.

- **Domestic Violence Initiatives.** The Executive Budget provides \$35.8 million in support of this comprehensive Domestic Violence initiative. Funding will be provided to DAs to expand the Domestic Violence STAT Model, which is a best practice that supports collection of evidence-building and relationship building with a victim before an arrest is made. The Executive Budget also provides Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) jurisdictions funding for risk assessments, reporting, and increased focus on high-risk domestic violence offenders.
- **Support Survivors in Immediate Crisis.** The Executive Budget continues the \$5 million grant program to victims of domestic violence to be used to cover expenses in emergency situations.

Victim Assistance Funding. The Executive Budget includes \$120 million in State funding to ensure crime victim service providers are not impacted by potential Federal Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) shortfalls. These victim services organizations provide support and financial assistance to survivors during their time of need, including shelter, food, safety, and security measures.

This funding is in addition to the \$43 million in State resources added by the Governor in the FY 2023 Budget to prevent adjustments to current victim services' contracts associated with Federal funding reductions.

Actions to Reduce and Prevent Gun Violence. The Executive Budget continues the historic investment of \$347 million in programs to prevent and reduce gun violence in our communities. Since this unprecedented funding level, shooting incidents have declined by 38 percent in New York City and 35 percent in Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) jurisdictions. This investment will continue to allow communities, law enforcement, and nonprofit groups to stem gun violence in New York State.

Improve the Effectiveness of the Criminal Justice System. The Executive Budget continues critical investments totaling \$290 million to restore the effectiveness of the continuum of the criminal justice system, including community investment, crime prevention, law enforcement, prosecution, and reentry services.

Correctional Facility Efficiencies. The Executive Budget includes legislation to allow the State to act expeditiously to right-size and eliminate excess capacity by allowing for the closure of up to five correctional facilities with 90 days' notice. This legislation will allow for an increase in the operational efficiency of the correctional system.

Support Reentry and Reduce Recidivism. The Executive Budget includes \$6.1 million in investments designed to improve reentry into the workforce, reduce recidivism, and increase community safety in New York.

- **Provide More Intensive Supervision of Individuals on Parole.** The Executive Budget provides an additional \$3 million in State funding to expand the Supervision Against Violent Engagement (SAVE) Program, which uses enhanced supervision, intelligence and data gathering, and local cooperation to prevent gun violence and violent crime among the most high-risk releasees.

- **Expand Transitional Housing Opportunities.** The Executive Budget provides \$2 million in additional State funding to expand the existing program to incorporate housing vouchers and expand eligibility to include women.
- **Expand College Programming to All State Prisons.** The Executive Budget will expand college programs to all State correctional facilities and enhance existing programs to provide a wider variety of degree tracks and areas of concentration. Education is a critical rehabilitative tool that enhances personal development, career prospects, and reentry to the community.

Management to increase the State’s regional presence, increase local planning and training, provide additional tabletop exercises, and build out analytic and geospatial capabilities.

- **Flood Resiliency and Response Grant Program.** The Executive Budget provides \$15 million in funding to supply local and county governments with additional generators, high-flow pumps, flood barrier technology, and other equipment used in response to flooding and other weather emergencies.

Reduce Fatal Fires. The Executive Budget includes \$8.6 million to increase the State’s capacity to investigate fatal and near-fatal fires and provide resources to support local community risk reduction efforts. This funding includes measures to:

- **Launch Fire Action Teams and Expand State Fire Investigation Branch.** The Executive Budget provides \$5.3 million in State funding for the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) to create teams focused on community risk assessment and reduction, increase evaluation of causes of fatal and near-fatal fires, and provide training to prevent deadly lithium-ion battery fires.
- **Establish Grants to Support Local Fire Investigation.** The Executive Budget provides \$3.3 million in State funding for a competitive grant program for local governments to maintain their assets and increase fire prevention efforts through community risk reduction efforts.

Improving Emergency Response and Protect Our Communities. The Executive Budget includes funding to support a comprehensive resiliency plan to protect New Yorkers from extreme weather. This funding includes measures to:

- **Strengthen the State’s Emergency Preparedness and Response.** The Executive Budget provides \$10.4 million in additional State funding to the DHSES Office of Emergency

SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDS SPENDING				
CATEGORY	FY 2024 (MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)	FY 2025 (MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)	Dollar Change (MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)	PERCENT CHANGE (%)
DOCCS	3,167	3,086	(81)	(3)
DSP	1,064	1,117	53	5
DCJS	534	611	77	14
DHSES*	4,628	2,812	(1,816)	(39)
All Other	773	909	136	18
TOTAL	10,166	8,536	(1,630)	(16%)

*For DHSES, there is an anticipated decrease in FY 2025 Federal pass-through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement for localities related to the COVID-19 emergency.