Audit and Control, Department of

Mission

The Department of Audit and Control (OSC) was created in 1926 and is headed by the State Comptroller, who is elected by the citizens of New York State. The Department is responsible for paying the State's bills and payrolls; verifying all financial transactions of the State; reviewing the financial and management practices of State agencies; supervising the fiscal affairs of local governments; investing State funds and issuing bonds and notes; and administering the retirement program for State and most local government employees.

Organization and Staffing

OSC's operations are organized into 11 programs, with its main office in Albany and regional offices in New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Binghamton, Glens Falls, Newburgh and Hauppauge. These regional offices function primarily as decentralized audit centers, providing financial review of the accounting of revenues collected and expenses incurred by counties, cities, towns and villages, school and fire districts and quasi-governmental entities.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2025 Executive Budget recommends \$563.5 million in all funds appropriation for OSC, an overall increase of \$5.9 million from the previous fiscal year attributed to general salary increases and operational growth. The agency's workforce totals 2,890 FTEs, an increase of three FTEs from the previous fiscal year to support the Bureau of State Payroll Services.

Program Highlights

Executive Direction, Legal Services, Administration, and the Chief Information Office

Responsible for the public information, internal audit, fiscal research, IT operations, financial administration, legal, office services, management analysis and human resource functions of the Department.

Office of Operations

Supports the core financial functions of state government – payroll, accounting, and financial management. The Office protects the public's money by ensuring contracts are fair, competitive, appropriate and in the best interest of the State, by reviewing and approving all State expenditures prior to payment. The program is central to ensuring the efficiency and effectiveness of government operations.

Office of State and Local Government Accountability Program

Provides oversight through audits of all State and local government agencies, authorities and special purpose entities. These audits are intended to enhance public accountability and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of State and local government operations, it collects and reviews local government financial data, provides training programs and support services for local financial officials, and publishes research and analysis on a variety of local government policy issues. The Office is comprised of the Divisions of State Government Accountability as well as Local Government and School Accountability.

Office of the State Deputy Comptroller for the City of New York

Assists the New York State Financial Control Board in carrying out and exercising the responsibilities assigned, and powers granted, to the Board by the Financial Emergency Act for the City of New York. The Retirement Services program administers the State Retirement Systems, consisting of the Employees' Retirement System, the Police and Fire Retirement System and the Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan.

Pension Investment and Public Finance

Program is comprised of the State Common Retirement Fund (CRF), the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS), the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS) and the Public Employees Group Life Insurance Plan (GLIP). As fiduciary of the CRF, the Comptroller oversees a diverse investment portfolio designed to maximize returns within the structure of prudent policies.

Office of Budget and Policy Analysis

Reports on matters including proposed and enacted State budgets, other fiscal issues affecting the State and a range of other major policy issues. The Office also manages the Public Authority Reporting Information System (PARIS) and performs a variety of functions related to debt issuance, debt administration and payment of debt

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for New York State General Obligation and New York Local Government Assistance Corporation (NYLGAC) bonds. The Office also manages daily operations of NYLGAC.

Division of Investigations

Spearheads the Comptroller's ant-fraud/anti-corruption initiative and coordinates all fraud examinations conducted by the Office of the State Comptroller.

New York State Environmental Protection and Oil Spill Compensation Fund

Administered by the Comptroller under Chapter 845 of the Laws of 1977. Costs associated with cleaning up oil spills are paid from the fund upon certification of the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation. Moneys in this fund consist of receipts from a fee levied on each barrel of petroleum shipped into the State.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Category</u>	Available FY 2024	Appropriations Recommended FY 2025	Change From FY 2024	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2025
State Operations	554,728,000	563,483,000	8,755,000	0
Capital Projects	2,836,000	0	(2,836,000)	35,683,000
Total	557,564,000	563,483,000	5,919,000	35,683,000

ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	FY 2024 Estimated FTEs 03/31/24	FY 2025 Estimated FTEs 03/31/25	FTE Change			
Administration			5			
General Fund	1,460	1,463	3			
Chief Information Office		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
Internal Service Funds	151	151	0			
Executive Direction						
Internal Service Funds	25	25	0			
New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensati	on					
Special Revenue Funds - Other	10	10	0			
Office of the State Deputy Comptroller for New York City						
Special Revenue Funds - Other	23	23	0			
Retirement Services Program						
Fiduciary	1,066	1,066	0			
State and Local Accountability						
Internal Service Funds	14	14	0			
State Operations						
Special Revenue Funds - Other	138	138	0			
Total	2,887	2,890	3			

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Fund Type	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change
Fiduciary	265,803,000	268,630,000	2,827,000
General Fund	160,797,000	165,307,000	4,510,000
Internal Service Funds	100,442,000	101,078,000	636,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	27,686,000	28,468,000	782,000
Total	554,728,000	563,483,000	8,755,000

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Program	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change			
Audit and Control						
General Fund	160,797,000	165,307,000	4,510,000			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	119,000	119,000	0			
Chief Information Office		· · · · · ·				
Internal Service Funds	90,270,000	90,581,000	311,000			
College Choice Tuition Savings		· · · · · ·				
Fiduciary	1,500,000	1,558,000	58,000			
Executive Direction		· · · · · ·				
Internal Service Funds	2,947,000	3,080,000	133,000			
New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensati	on	· · · · · ·				
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1,175,000	1,225,000	50,000			
Office of the State Deputy Comptroller for New York City		· · · · · ·				
Special Revenue Funds - Other	4,848,000	4,848,000	0			
Retirement Services Program	·	· ·				
Fiduciary	264,303,000	267,072,000	2,769,000			
State Operations	·	· ·				
Internal Service Funds	3,390,000	3,398,000	8,000			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	21,544,000	22,276,000	732,000			
State and Local Accountability	State and Local Accountability					
Internal Service Funds	3,835,000	4,019,000	184,000			
Total	554,728,000	563,483,000	8,755,000			

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES FY 2025 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

	То	tal	Personal Serv (Annual S	•
Program	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Audit and Control	136,281,000	4,205,000	134,414,000	4,205,000
Total	136,281,000	4,205,000	134,414,000	4,205,000

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	Temporary (Nonannua		Holiday/Ov	ertime Pay
Program	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Audit and Control	1,608,000	0	259,000	0
Total	1,608,000	0	259,000	0

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES FY 2025 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

	Tot	al	Supplies an	d Materials
Program	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Audit and Control	29,026,000	305,000	3,891,000	0
Total	29,026,000	305,000	3,891,000	0

	Tra	vel	Contractua	al Services
Program	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Audit and Control	1,474,000	0	21,793,000	305,000
Total	1,474,000	0	21,793,000	305,000

	Equipment		
Program	Amount	Change	
Audit and Control	1,868,000	0	
Total	1,868,000	0	

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES FY 2025 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

	Total		Personal	Service
Program	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Audit and Control	119,000	0	0	0
Chief Information Office	90,581,000	311,000	17,541,000	511,000
College Choice Tuition Savings	1,558,000	58,000	682,000	20,000
Executive Direction	3,080,000	133,000	1,747,000	51,000
New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation	1,225,000	50,000	689,000	20,000
Office of the State Deputy Comptroller for New York City	4,848,000	0	2,827,000	0
Retirement Services Program	267,072,000	2,769,000	96,353,000	2,808,000
State Operations	25,674,000	740,000	15,103,000	984,000
State and Local Accountability	4,019,000	184,000	2,309,000	67,000

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Total	398,176,000	4,245,000	137,251,000	4,461,000

	Nonpersonal Service		
Program	Amount	Change	
Audit and Control	119,000	0	
Chief Information Office	73,040,000	(200,000)	
College Choice Tuition Savings	876,000	38,000	
Executive Direction	1,333,000	82,000	
New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation	536,000	30,000	
Office of the State Deputy Comptroller for New York City	2,021,000	0	
Retirement Services Program	170,719,000	(39,000)	
State Operations	10,571,000	(244,000)	
State and Local Accountability	1,710,000	117,000	
Total	260,925,000	(216,000)	

CAPITAL PROJECTS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change	Reappropriations FY 2025
IT Initiative Program				
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	2,836,000	0	(2,836,000)	35,683,000
Total	2,836,000	0	(2,836,000)	35,683,000

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/16/2024