



PUBLIC SAFETY



INVESTING IN PUBLIC SAFETY

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 sexual assault, domestic violence, and gender-based violence. This 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 \$8.6 billion for FY 2026.

Proposed FY 2026 Budget Actions

Keeping New Yorkers Safe

Expand Support for Intelligence Sharing and Agency Coordination. The Executive Budget includes \$13 million for the creation of the New York State Crime Analysis and Joint Special Operations Command Headquarters (CA-JSOC). This first-in-the-nation headquarters will track crime trends, create real time dashboards and maps, share intelligence, and coordinate responses in real time, further enhancing public safety across New York State.

Protecting the Northern Border. The Executive Budget includes \$8 million to strengthen State Police's enforcement efforts at the northern border, which has experienced elevated levels of drug, weapon, and currency seizures from transnational criminal networks.

Support Safe and Vibrant Communities. The Executive Budget includes \$10 million to promote

public safety and well-being through community-based programs, resources, and infrastructure investments that strengthen neighborhoods and reduce violence.

Combat the Rise in Hate Crime. The Executive Budget includes \$35 million for the next round of the Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes (SCAHC) program. 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.

Reduce and Prevent Gun Violence. The Executive Budget increases the historic investment to \$370 million for programs to prevent and reduce gun violence in our communities. This investment will continue to allow communities, law enforcement, and nonprofit groups to stem gun violence in New York State. Additional gun violence funding includes new proposals to create the CA-JSOC and support safe and vibrant communities.

Improve the Effectiveness of the Criminal Justice System. The Executive Budget continues critical investments totaling \$290 million to improve the effectiveness of the criminal justice system, including community investment, crime prevention, law enforcement, prosecution, and reentry services. The Executive Budget includes legislation to improve the discovery process to promote fairness, increase case processing efficiency, and reduce case dismissals.

Correctional Facility Security. The Executive Budget includes a significant investment to ensure the safety and security of the State's correctional system. This includes \$400 million for the acceleration and continued installation of fixed cameras in all facilities, \$18.4 million for the expansion of the body worn camera program, and \$7.2 million to expand and restructure the Office of Special Investigations (OSI).

Enhance Subway Safety. The Executive Budget includes \$77 million to partner with New York City to increase police presence on platforms and trains by temporarily surging patrol levels. Police patrols will also be added on every overnight train for the next six months.

Reduce Reoffending Through Justice Initiatives. The Executive Budget includes \$2 million in investments designed to improve reentry into the workforce by expanding training in green energy and sustainable industries. The Executive Budget also includes legislation to reduce reoffending through enhancing positive incentive programs, including merit time.

Combat Misinformation Through Media Literacy Efforts. The Executive Budget includes \$1 million for the development of a set of resources to help educate the public, particularly parents and children, about how to critically evaluate information and navigate today's complex media landscape.

Supporting First Responders

Volunteer Fire Infrastructure and Response Equipment. The Executive Budget includes \$25 million in funding for the Volunteer Fire Infrastructure and Response Equipment (V-FIRE) grant program, which allows departments to renovate or construct compliant fire stations equipped to meet the needs of modern firefighting.

Law Enforcement Technology Funding. The Executive Budget includes \$50 million in funding for the Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) grants, supporting agencies statewide in acquiring critical technologies and equipment to enhance crime prevention and community engagement. This investment will strengthen public safety and improve trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Mass Violence Crisis Response Team. The Executive Budget includes \$2.3 million for a Mass Violence Crisis Response Team to ensure rapid, coordinated support for survivors and their communities, addressing immediate needs in the aftermath of such events.

Expand Joint Task Force Empire Shield (JTFES). The Executive Budget includes \$45 million in additional funding for the Empire Shield mission to continue to deter and prevent terrorist activity in the New York City area, including transit and commuter hubs.

The Executive Budget includes legislation to

assist with law enforcement recruiting efforts, including modifying residency requirements for State Correction Officers and maximum hiring and mandatory retirement ages for law enforcement.

Expand Support for Survivors of Crime

Victim Support Services. The Executive Budget includes \$3.8 million and legislation to increase compensation for scam victims, raise funeral reimbursement caps, expand crime scene cleanup coverage, and remove barriers like the consideration of contributory conduct.

Rape Crisis Centers. The Executive Budget includes \$6.5 million to double funding to \$12.8 million and improve access to rape crisis centers by enhancing hospital and community services, expand geographical coverage, ensure support for culturally responsive programs, and improve access to advocates for survivors of sexual assault.

Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence. The Executive Budget includes \$5 million to expand the Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence (STRIVE) initiative to include non-domestic sexual assaults and rapes. Funding will support district attorneys, law enforcement, probation departments, and community-based providers statewide and provide broader support for survivors while implementing effective measures to combat sexual assault.

Expand Protections and Services to Victims of Sexual Assault. The Executive Budget includes \$3.3 million and legislation to increase reimbursement for the cost of a forensic rape examination and expand HIV Treatment.

Safe Workplaces for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence. The Executive Budget includes \$200,000 and legislation to codify State agency requirements related to Gender-Based Violence in the workplace and require all State vendors to attest that they have a Gender-Based Violence policy in place.

Improve Access to Public Assistance for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence. The Executive Budget includes \$350,000 and legislation to eliminate the

credibility test for survivors of domestic violence applying for public assistance and modernize the domestic violence screening process used by local departments of social services.

The Executive Budget includes legislation to dispossess domestic violence abusers of firearms, adds intellectual disability as element of trafficking, and ends the statute of limitations on sex trafficking.

SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDS SPENDING				
CATEGORY	FY 2025 (\$ Millions)	FY 2026 (\$ Millions)	\$ Change	% Change
DOCCS	3,384	3,446	62	2
DSP	1,020	1,087	68	6
DCJS	606	689	83	12
DHSES*	4,269	2,418	(1,851)	(77)
All Other	937	1,007	69	7
Total	10,216	8,647	(1,569)	(18)

* The year over year change in DHSES spending is attributable to the projected decrease in Federal pass-through reimbursement to localities following the end of the COVID-19 disaster period.