

Addressing the Budget Crisis: What Do You think? Take the Survey
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Below are some broad budget options as well as some specific proposals from the Governors budget. Please indicate what your general priorities are by checking the appropriate circles.
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Broad Budgetary Priorities Ordered by the Percentage of the Budget Made Up by these Programs (With 2010-2011 Proposed Budget Funding):

	Maintain Spending	Cut Spending	Not Sure
Health Care (\$50.3 billion) (50% Federal Match, Cut State, lose Federal \$)	0	0	Φ
K-12 Education (\$24.5 billion)	0	0	0
Local Government Assistance (\$9.6 billion) (i.e., Aid and Incentives to Municipalities)	0	0	Φ
Capital Projects/Infrastructure (\$8.6 billion)	0	0	0
Higher Education (\$7.2 billion)	0	0	Φ
Employee Benefits (\$6.3 billion) (i.e., Pension, Health Care, Taxes)	0	0	0

	Maintain Spending	Cut Spending	Not Sure
Transportation (\$4.7 billion)	0	0	Φ
Local Welfare Assistance (\$4.7 billion) (i.e., Public Assistance, Child Care)	0	0	0
Other Executive Agency Budgets(\$4.7 billion) (e.g., Dept of Aging, Dept.of Environmental Conservation)	0	0	0
Corrections/State Police (\$3.1 billion)	0	0	0
STAR Property Tax Rebates (\$3 billion)	0	0	Φ
Judiciary (\$2 billion)	0	0	0
Member Items (\$170 Million)	0	Φ	0

Possible Ways of Raising Revenue:

	Support	Oppose	Not Sure
Increase income tax on high wage earners	0	0	0
Increase business taxes	0	0	0
Cut refundable business tax credits	0	0	0
Transfer Tax on stock transactions	0	0	0
Commuter Tax	0	0	Φ
Congestion Pricing	0	0	0
Carbon Tax on Pollution	0	0	0

Specific Proposals From Governors Budget (with Amount of Cut or Revenue Increase):

	Support	Oppose	Not Sure
Decrease local school aid (\$1.1 billion)	0	Φ	0
Eliminate Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) funding for New York City (\$301 million)	0	0	0
Cut Medicaid programs (\$1 billion)	0	0	0
Cut Environmental Protection Fund (\$79 million)	0	0	0
Cut Tuition Assistance (TAP) grants for college students (\$33 million)	0	Φ	0
Cut community college aid (\$56 million)	0	0	0

	Support	Oppose	Not Sure
Allow SUNY and CUNY to increase their own tuition by campus and program and reduce state funding (\$142.7 million)	0	0	0
Reduce funding for homeless services and supportive housing (\$69 million)	0	0	0
Delay implementation of increase to public assistance grant (\$14 million)	0	0	Φ
Across-the-board agency cuts (\$500 million)	0	0	0
Allow liquor stores to sell more products and allow sale of wine in grocery stores (revenue increase of \$250 million through franchise fees)	0	0	0

	Support	Oppose	Not Sure
Eliminate MTA payroll tax on sole proprietors earning less than \$100,000 (loss of \$29 million in revenue)	0	0	0
Increase MTA payroll tax in NYC (gain of \$453 million in revenue)	0	0	0
Decrease payroll tax in suburbs (loss of \$216 million in revenue)	0	0	0
Tax on Sugared Sodas (Revenue increase of \$450 million)	0	0	0

Other Ideas For Spending Cu	uts or Revenue Generation:	

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