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# What's Up With (in) the NYPD Fiscal Year 2023 Executive Budget

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In the Executive Budget, spending on the New York City Police Department (NYPD) totals \$10.9 billion in fiscal year 2023, comprised of the \$5.3 billion NYPD operating budget and \$5.7 of “centrally allocated” costs, including \$2.6 billion for fringe benefits, \$2.9 billion for pensions, and \$214 million for debt service.

## The Fiscal Year 2023 Executive Budget Adds Over \$140 million Annually to the NYPD City-Funded Budget

Compared to the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, the City-funded NYPD operating budget is more than \$140 million higher in each year of the plan: \$151 million higher in fiscal year 2022, \$182 million in fiscal year 2023, \$145 million in fiscal year 2024, \$146 million in fiscal year 2025, and \$142 million in fiscal year 2026. (See Table 1.)

These increases are attributable primarily to collective bargaining agreements. The City settled contracts covering the 2017 to 2021 collective bargaining period with the Detectives Endowment Association (DEA) and Sergeants Benevolent Association (SBA) in December 2021.<sup>1</sup> The agreements, which follow the pattern of other uniformed bargaining units, cost \$119 million in fiscal year 2023 and continue at roughly this level throughout the plan period. These costs, however, did not increase total City spending since the funds were transferred to the NYPD from the labor reserve, which already included funding sufficient for the 2017 pattern.

Additional new funds are for data infrastructure, cyber security, lease adjustments, and spending for new Neighborhood Safety Teams and Gun Violence Strategic Partnership initiatives. Budget documents report that these initiatives “support tablet computers in police vehicles as well as mobile phones for all uniform members of service,” “overall expansion of NYPD’s cyber security tools,” “staffing to support the Gun Violence Strategic Partnership,” and “dashboard camera

systems and install Automatic License Plate Recognition software on vehicles for Neighborhood Safety Teams.”<sup>2</sup>

Lastly, due to higher than projected energy costs, the Executive Budget increased energy funding in most agency budgets, including the NYPD.

**Table 1: NYPD Operating Budget, Preliminary FY 2023 and Executive FY 2023 Budgets**  
(City Funds only, does not include centrally allocated costs, dollars in millions)

	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>
<b>Preliminary Budget (February 2022)</b>	<b>\$4,603.5</b>	<b>\$5,112.1</b>	<b>\$5,133.5</b>	<b>\$5,132.0</b>	<b>\$5,134.1</b>
<b>Changes in the Executive Budget</b>					
Collective Bargaining (CB) <sup>1</sup>	\$113.8	\$119.3	\$118.3	\$117.4	\$113.8
<i>Detectives CB Adjustment</i>	\$60.6	\$65.6	\$65.6	\$65.6	\$65.6
<i>Sergeants CB Adjustment</i>	\$53.2	\$53.7	\$52.7	\$51.7	\$48.2
Mobility Data Plans and Backend Infrastructure	\$28.5	\$34.7	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Cyber Security	\$7.8	\$12.5	\$13.4	\$15.4	\$15.0
Energy Adjustments <sup>2</sup>	\$2.3	\$9.0	\$9.0	\$9.0	\$9.0
Lease Adjustment <sup>2</sup>	\$0.0	\$3.8	\$2.8	\$2.8	\$2.8
Gun Violence Strategies Partnership	\$0.2	\$1.5	\$1.5	\$1.5	\$1.5
Neighborhood Safety Team Equipment	\$0.0	\$1.2	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.2
All Other Adjustments	(\$1.7)	(\$0.3)	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.2
<b>Total Changes</b>	<b>\$151.0</b>	<b>\$181.7</b>	<b>\$145.3</b>	<b>\$146.4</b>	<b>\$142.5</b>
<b>Executive Budget (April 2022)</b>	<b>\$4,754.5</b>	<b>\$5,293.7</b>	<b>\$5,278.9</b>	<b>\$5,278.3</b>	<b>\$5,276.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> These collective bargaining changes are not a net increase City spending but rather a transfer from the labor reserve as the City already had set aside funding for the 2017 pattern.

<sup>2</sup> Part of the Energy Adjustments and Lease Adjustment are a transfer from central lines to individual agency budgets.

**Source:** City of New York, Mayor’s Office of Management and Budget, *Fiscal Year 2023 Executive Budget: Financial Plan Reconciliation* (April 26, 2022).

## Overtime Funding Increases \$94 Million in Fiscal Year 2022 and \$18 Million in Fiscal Years 2023 to 2026; However, More Funds Will Likely Be Needed, Absent Changes in Managerial Control, Policies, and Procedures

The NYPD overtime budget increases approximately \$94 million in fiscal year 2022 and \$18 million in fiscal year 2023, compared to the Preliminary Budget. (See Table 2.) Most of the increase is uniformed overtime, which increases by \$92 million in fiscal year 2022 and \$18 million in fiscal year 2023, to \$524 million and \$372 million, respectively. About \$18 million annually of the overtime increase is included in the collective bargaining funds for DEA and SBA, while the remainder is a shift within the existing budget.<sup>3</sup>

**Table 2: NYPD Overtime Budget, Preliminary and Executive FY 2023 Budgets**  
(All funds, dollars in millions)

		<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Executive</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Fiscal Year 2022</b>	Civilian	\$81	\$83	\$2
	Uniform	\$432	\$524	\$92
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$513</b>	<b>\$607</b>	<b>\$94</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2023</b>	Civilian	\$80	\$80	\$0
	Uniform	\$354	\$372	\$18
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$434</b>	<b>\$453</b>	<b>\$18</b>

**Note:** Totals may not sum due to rounding.

**Source:** Office of the New York State Comptroller, email to Citizens Budget Commissions staff (April 28, 2022).

Through April, NYPD expenditures for fiscal year 2022 overtime already totaled \$617 million; CBC estimates that overtime spending will reach \$743 million by fiscal year end.<sup>4</sup> This exceeds the newly modified Executive Budget by \$136 million. Meaningful recurring reductions in NYPD overtime depend on effective managerial controls and changes to NYPD policies and procedures.

### The Executive Budget Changes to NYPD Headcount Are Minimal

The Fiscal Year 2023 Executive Budget made few changes to NYPD authorized headcount levels. Uniform headcount is constant throughout the plan years at 35,030, the same level as February 2022. Civilian headcount increases by 18 positions by fiscal year 2024, compared to the February 2022 Financial Plan. (See Table 3.)

**Table 3: Authorized New York Police Department Headcount, All Funds**  
(All funds, dollars in millions)

	<u>Uniform</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Change</u>
Fiscal Year 2022	35,030	16,840	51,870	(70)
Fiscal Year 2023	35,030	16,915	51,945	(107)
Fiscal Year 2024	35,030	17,040	52,070	18
Fiscal Year 2025	35,030	17,040	52,070	18
Fiscal Year 2026	35,030	17,040	52,070	18

**Source:** City of New York, Office of Management and Budget, *Full-Time and Full-Time Equivalent Staffing Levels* (April 26, 2022).

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## ENDNOTES

- [1] While the prior collective bargaining round is referred to as the 2017 to 2021 round, the start dates, end dates, and contract length varies among collective bargaining units. For the DEA, the new contract covers April 1, 2019 to May 31, 2022, while the SBA contract covers August 30, 2018 to December 9, 2021. City of New York, Office of Labor Relations, 2018-2021 Sergeants Benevolent Association Memorandum of Agreement (December 17, 2021), <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/collectivebargaining/sba-moa-2018-2021.pdf>, and 2019-2022 Detectives' Endowment Association Memorandum of Agreement (December 28, 2021), <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/collectivebargaining/dea-moa-2019-2022.pdf>.
- [2] City of New York, Mayor's Office of Management and Budget, *Executive Budget Fiscal Year 2023 Budget: Message of the Mayor* (April 26, 2022), <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/omb/downloads/pdf/mm4-22.pdf>.
- [3] The fiscal year 2022 overtime adjustment was funded via \$66.5 million reallocation of ARP funds and a \$18.3 million reallocation from the central labor reserve for DEA and SBA collective bargaining, and the realization of intercity transfer and grant funding. The fiscal year 2023 baseline overtime adjustment is funded by a reallocation from the central labor reserve following collective bargaining agreements with Detectives and Sergeants. City of New York, Mayor's Office of Management and Budget, email to Citizens Budget Commission staff (May 3, 2022).
- [4] Excludes \$28 million in prior year overtime spending in fiscal year 2022.