

### New York State Budget Fiscal Year 2024

Major Actions and Fiscal Risks
As of First Quarter Update

# Deteriorating Tax Receipts Landscape and Added Spending Widened Annual and Structural Gaps

- Out-year gaps grew during budget negotiations
  - FY 2025 gap increased from \$6.8 billion to \$9.1 billion
  - Long-term structural imbalance increased from \$12.5 billion to \$21.5 billion
  - Approximately one-quarter of structural gap growth due to added spending
- Contending with out-year gaps
  - State Executive Budget less than 6 months away
  - Spending restraint can close gaps
  - Moving reserves into lockbox should be immediate

# Despite Out-Year Gaps, FY 2024 Enacted Budget Added Recurring Spending

#### FY 2024 Enacted Budget Re-estimates and Actions

(dollars in millions)

(dollars in	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Surplus/(Gap) Prior to Executive Budget	<u>\$214</u>	(\$6,813)	<u>(\$7,418)</u>	<u>(\$5,465)</u>
Reserves and Debt Service Prepayments	<u>\$3,898</u>	<u>\$3,476</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Major Re-estimates	<u>(\$2,908)</u>	<u>(\$5,291)</u>	<u>(\$5,399)</u>	<u>(\$5,818)</u>
PIT Receipts Re-estimate (June)	(\$5,623)	(\$5,291)	(\$5,399)	(\$5,818)
Investment Income	\$1,400	\$0	\$0	\$0
eFMAP Extension	\$1,315	\$0	\$0	\$0
Receipts Actions	<u>(\$139)</u>	<u>\$823</u>	<u>\$565</u>	<u>(\$208)</u>
Extend Corporate Tax Surcharge	\$0	\$810	\$1,100	\$729
All Other	(\$139)	\$13	(\$535)	(\$937)
Spending Actions	<u>(\$1,438)</u>	<u>(\$1,748)</u>	<u>(\$2,296)</u>	<u>(\$2,772)</u>
School Aid	\$56	\$410	\$28	\$18
Medicaid	(\$1,363)	(\$656)	(\$1,075)	(\$1,014)
Asylum Seekers	(\$1,106)	(\$355)	\$0	\$0
Health Care Bonuses and Wages	(\$847)	(\$597)	(\$605)	(\$964)
Executive Agency Operations	(\$100)	(\$532)	(\$497)	(\$486)
SUNY Endowment	(\$250)	(\$250)	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$510	\$13	\$61	\$67
Net Transfers	\$1,662	\$219	(\$208)	(\$393)
Use of/(Deposit to) Reserves	<u>\$373</u>	<u>\$498</u>	<u>\$675</u>	<u>\$825</u>
Surplus/(Gap) for Enacted Budget	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$9,055)</u>	<u>(\$13,873)</u>	<u>(\$13,438)</u>

State entered budget-making with out-year gaps of \$5.5 to \$7.4 billion

Majority of FY 2023 surplus (\$7.4 billion) used to prepay planned reserves and debt service

Re-estimate in June reduces receipts by \$5.3 to \$5.8 billion annually

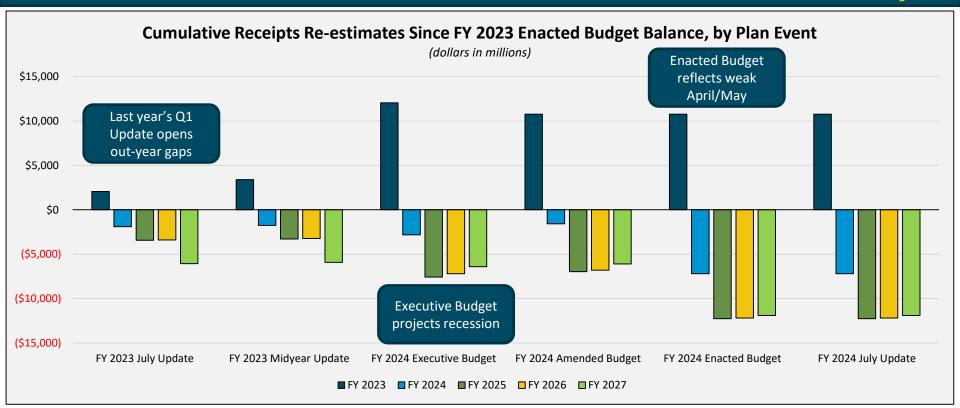
Corporate Tax surcharge extended 3 years

Recurring spending added, beginning at \$1.4 billion and growing to \$2.8 billion in out-years

Enacted gaps are \$9.1 to \$13.9 billion in outvears

July Update (abridged) does not change bottom line; expects "mild downturn" in second half of 2023.

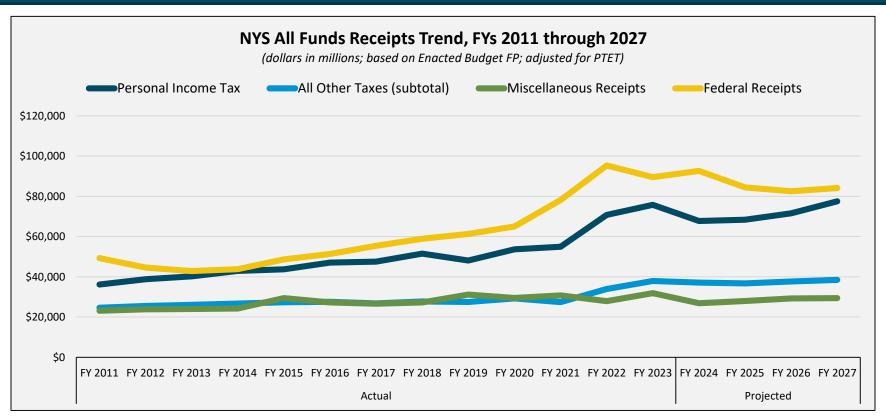
# Over the Past Year, Out-Year Tax Receipts Projections Have Been Reduced as much as \$12 billion Annually



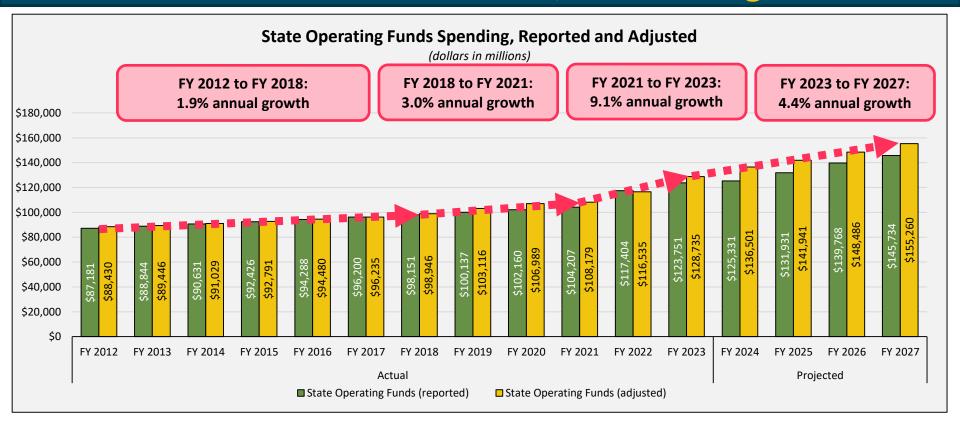
Notes: Values represent the change in total receipts from FY 2023 Enacted Financial Plan to each subsequent event.

Source: CBC staff analysis of New York State Division of the Budget, FY 2024 Enacted Budget Financial Plan First Quarterly Update (July 2023), and prior editions.

# State Receipts Ballooned in COVID, Resetting in FY 2024 and Out-years



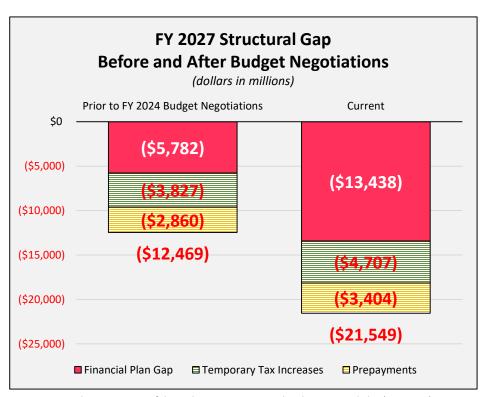
# State Operating Funds (adjusted) Spending Growth Accelerated to 9.1% in COVID, 4.4% Going Forward



### Significant Fiscal and Economic Risks Persist; Spending Restraint and More Savings Required

- 1. \$22 Billion Structural Gap Looms
- 2. Reserves are Improved, but Insufficient
- 3. Medicaid Spending Outpaces Revenue Growth, Relies on Disenrollment
- 4. School Aid Increases Unsustainable and Lack System to Drive for Educational Benefits

### \$22 Billion Structural Imbalance Looms

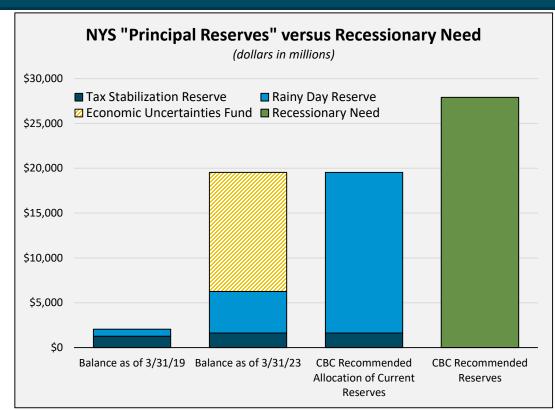


- Use of non-recurring resources means imbalance is larger than Financial Plan gaps
- Structural gap grew from \$12 billion to \$22 billion
  - Driven by lower receipts forecast, added spending

Source: New York State Division of the Budget, FY 2023 Enacted Budget Financial Plan (May 2022), pp. 14 and 21; Office of the New York State Comptroller, State Fiscal Year 2022-23 Enacted Budget Financial Plan Report (July 2022), p. 16.

### Reserves Remain Unprotected and Insufficient for a Recession

- State increased "reserves" to \$19 billion
- Two-thirds of balance in unprotected EUF
- CBC recommends all funds be moved to lockbox
- Additional \$8 billion needed to address 2 years of a recession

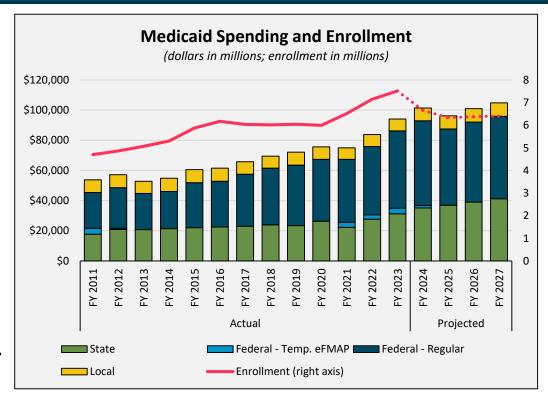


Notes: CBC calculates "Recessionary Need" based on average two-year recession impact on tax receipts plus two years' growth of 1 percent in SOF spending.

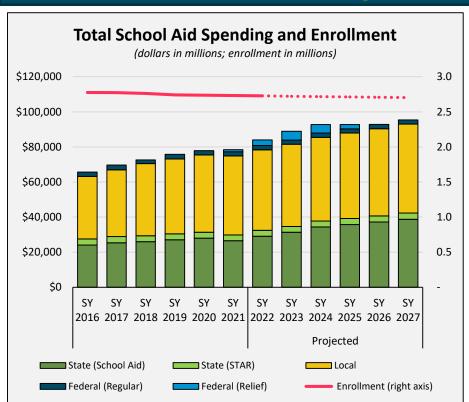
Source: New York State Division of the Budget, FY 2024 Enacted Budget Financial Plan (June 2023), and prior editions.

## Medicaid Cost Projections Include Disenrollment, Outpace Revenue Growth

- Medicaid in transition
  - About 1.2 million enrollees projected to shift off Medicaid
  - If only 50% disenroll,
     State cost is \$3-4 billion
- Out-year annual growth of 5.8 percent in State share costs
  - State doubled Medicaid
     Global Cap rate last year



# Rapidly Growing School Aid with \$3.3 billion Sent to Districts that Already Self-Fund SBE Without State Aid



Sources: New York State Division of the Budget, *FY 2024 Enacted Budget Financial Plan* (June 2023), and prior editions; New York State Education Department, Masterfile for 2019-20; "FY 2024 Enacted School Aid Files." and prior editions.

- State school spending increases \$3.0 billion next year (8.8%), and 5.4% annually through fiscal year 2027
  - Fiscal year 2024 will complete 'phase-in' of Foundation Aid formula
- Per pupil spending is \$34,783 this year
- \$3.3 billion provided to 167 districts that self-fund Sound Basic Education (SBE)
  - To improve fiscal sustainability, State should target spending to highest need districts and students
- Total school spending is up 46.0% over the last ten years as enrollment has declined 1.5%
- Funds added with minimal system to monitor or drive improvement in educational outcomes

### **Questions and Answers**

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# Revenue Surge and Spending Choices During Pandemic Further Destabilized the City Budget

- Influx of non-recurring revenue
  - Federal COVID-related aid
  - Tax revenues due to Wall Street performance
- City made the short-term decisions
  - Funded recurring programs with surge of non-recurring revenue
  - Spending increased 16% between FY21 and FY23
  - Drove up expectation for higher baseline spending in future
- But led to long-term destabilization
  - Expenditure growth forecast to exceed revenue growth
  - Out-year gaps widen to over \$10 billion annually
- City faces challenges and risks
  - Economic restructuring and uncertainty; impact on commercial real estate
  - Managing City and federally-funded fiscal cliffs
  - Management and hiring challenges misperceived as budget problems
  - Fiscal challenges at the NYC Housing Authority and Health + Hospitals
  - Insufficient reserves that are inadequately protected

### NYC's FY 2024 Budget is \$112.6 Billion

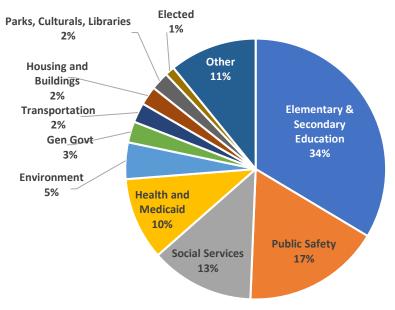
#### • \$112.6 billion is:

- \$107.1 billion reported budget,
   plus
- \$5.5 billion in FY24 bills prepaid in FY23

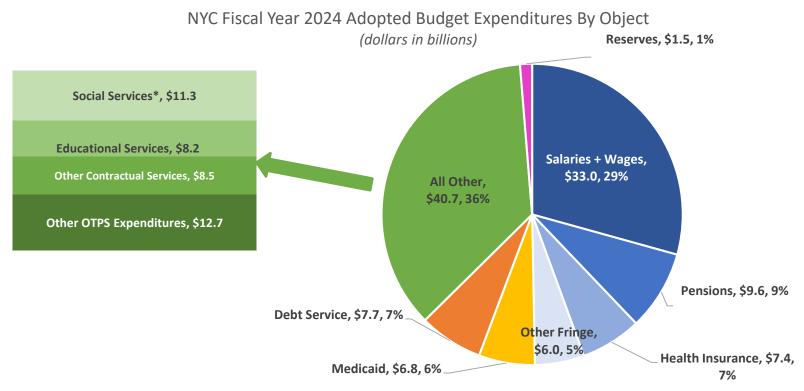
#### Largest agencies:

- Department of Education
- New York Police Department
- Department of Social Services
- Fire Department





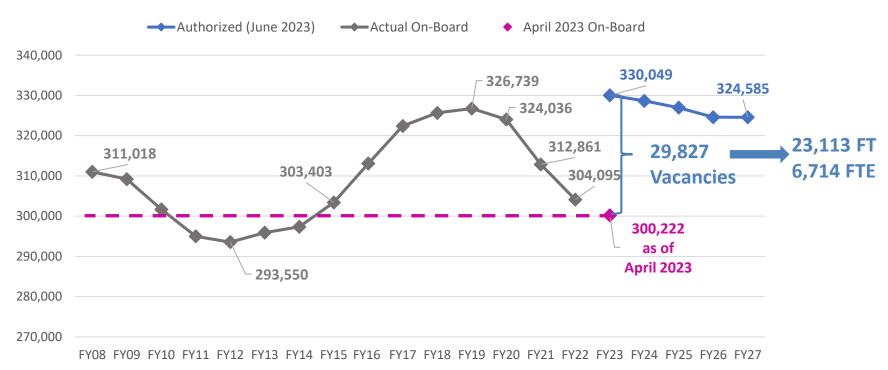
### Half the City's Budget Goes to Fund Employee Compensation and Benefits



Source: City of New York, Office of Management and Budget, Fiscal Year 2024 Adopted Financial Plan: Expense (June 30, 2023), Fiscal Year 2024 Adopted Financial Plan: Supporting Schedule (July 3, 2023).

#### On-Board FT and FTE Headcount Down Nearly 27,000 From Pre-Pandemic Peak; About 30,000 Vacant Positions

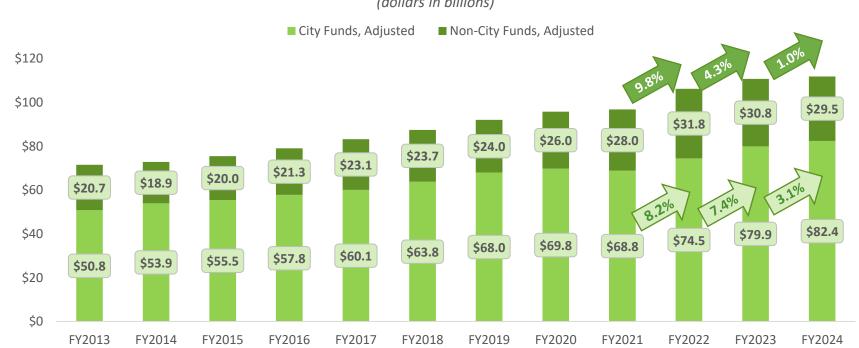
#### NYC Full-Time and FTE Headcount



Source: City of New York, Office of Management and Budget, *Fiscal Year 2024 Adopted Financial Plan: Full-Time and Full-Time Equivalent Headcount* (June 30, 2022), *April 2023 Full-Time and Full-Time Equivalent Headcount*, and June 2008 to June 2022 editions.

## City Spending Growth Slows Following Rapid Growth During Pandemic

NYC Spending Growth, FY 2013 - FY 2024 (dollars in billions)

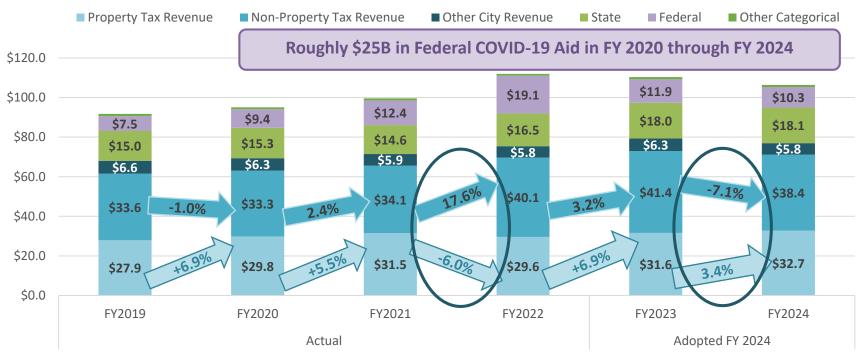


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Note: Excludes Inter-fund agreements, includes the General Reserve and Capital Stabilization Reserve in fiscal year 2024.

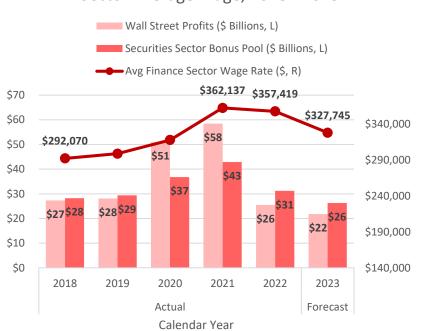
# Strong Tax Revenues and Federal COVID-19 Aid Facilitated Growth

NYC Revenues, FY 2019 - FY 2024 (dollars in billions)



### Wall Street Bonuses, Salaries, and Capital Gains Drove Extraordinary PIT Revenue

Wall Street Profits, Bonus Pool, and Finance Sector Average Wage, 2018 - 2023



#### NYC Personal Income Tax Revenue (dollars in billions)

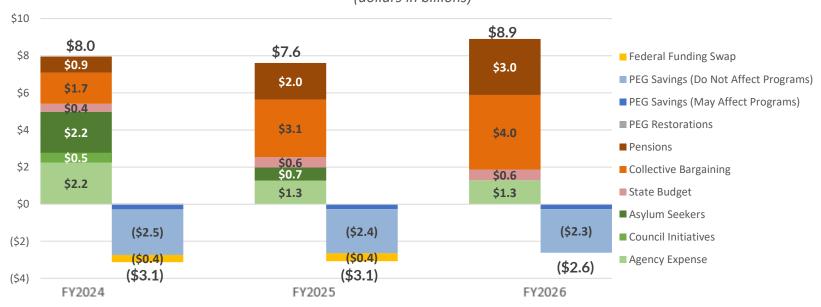


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### **Spending Increases Far Exceeded Savings**

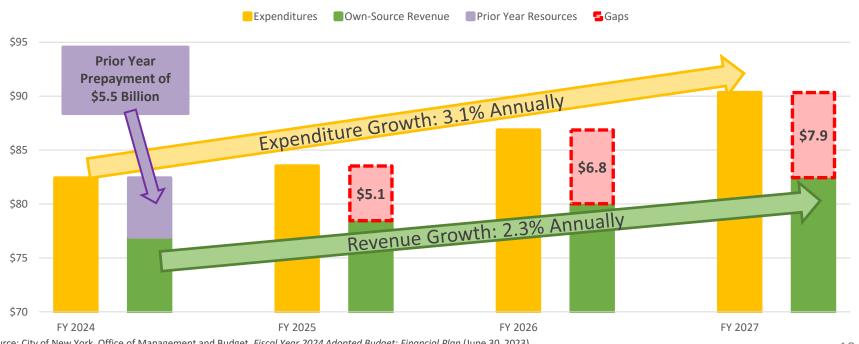
City-Funded Spending Changes in November 2022, January 2023, April 2023, and June 2023 Financial Plans, FY 2024 - FY 2026

(dollars in billions)



# Out-Year Budget Gaps Substantial as Spending Growth Outpaces Tax Revenue Forecast

NYC Expenditures, Revenues, and Gaps, FY 2024 - FY 2027 (dollars in billions)



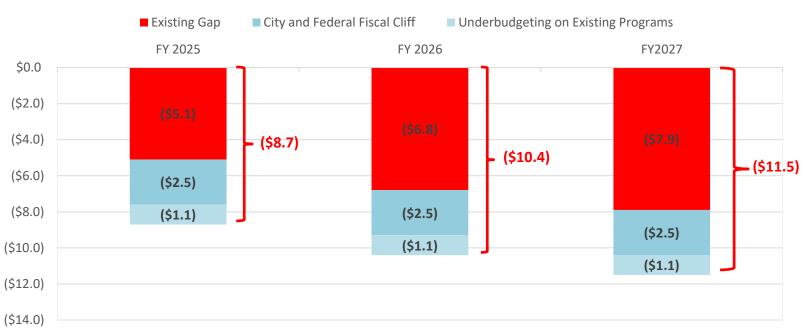
### Looming Fiscal Cliffs Threaten Budget Gaps or Service Reductions

#### Fiscal cliffs

- "Recurring" programs funded temporarily with non-recurring City and federal funds
  - FHEPs housing vouchers (at least \$400 million)
  - 3K Expansion (\$92 million)
  - Additional litter basket collection (\$22 million)
- FY 2025 estimate
  - City-funded cliff: \$1.8 billion
  - Federal cliff: \$750 million

# Budget Gaps Could Widen to \$8.7 Billion Next Year and \$11.5 Billion in FY 2027

Potential NYC Budget Gaps Accounting For Fiscal Risks (dollars in billions)



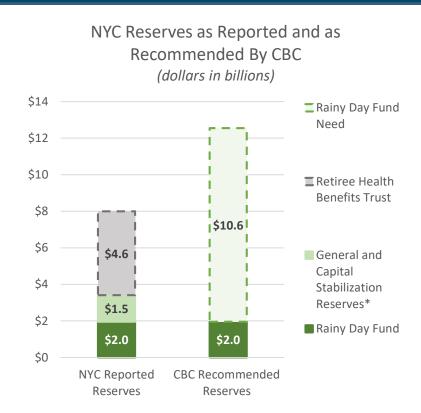
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### **Budgetary Risks**

- Managing fiscal cliffs as revenues return to trend
  - Continuing these programs without other offsetting savings could further enlarge budget gaps
- Additional spending pressures
  - Class size reduction mandate
  - Asylum seeker costs
  - FHEPS housing voucher expansion
- Fiscal challenges at the NYC Housing Authority and Health + Hospitals
  - NYCHA rent collection rate hovers at 62 percent
  - H+H and NYSNA collective bargaining agreement to cost \$725 million over financial plan window

# Rainy Day Fund is Insufficiently Funded and Inadequately Protected

- City reported reserves: \$8.0 billion
- Rainy Day Fund (RDF) reserves:
  - Current balance is just \$2.0 billion
  - Recommended target: \$12.6 billion
- RDF should have:
  - Mandatory deposit rules
    - 75% of tax revenue growth in excess of 3%
    - Deposit would have been \$934 million this year
  - Stricter withdrawal rules
    - Recession or severe emergency with significant revenue loss or expenditure increase



#### **Uncertainty Due to On-Going Economic Restructuring**

- Regaining jobs overall
  - More in professional and business services, information
  - Fewer in food service and retail
- Impact of remote/hybrid work
  - Commercial real estate
  - Retail/restaurants in Central Business Districts
- Impact of Al?

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