



# US & NY ECONOMIST

**Economics and Revenue Unit**

**Salary: \$55,006 – \$90,931**

**Reference #24-14**

Advance your career in government finance, management, and public policy at the New York State Division of the Budget (DOB)! DOB develops, negotiates, and implements one of the largest government budgets in the country, which provides the fiscal roadmap for State programs, policies, and services.

We are seeking motivated analysts and critical thinkers to join our team. DOB analysts rely on their skills for creative problem solving, attention to detail, and comprehensive communication to respond to emerging challenges, identify and develop solutions, and ensure the fiscal health of the State.

The successful candidate will share responsibilities for economic forecasting for both the revenue and spending sides of the Executive Budget; quarterly financial and economic updates; tax and economic development policy analysis; fiscal and economic impact analysis of proposed and enacted legislation; and budget negotiations with legislative fiscal committee staffs.

## Responsibilities

Macroeconomists at DOB are typically involved in:

- Working cooperatively within the Economics and Revenue team, under the direction of the Unit Head and Chief Economist, to determine the immediate and long-range effects of decisions made by Executive policymakers related to State and local taxes on the economy, taxpayer behavior, and the State's fiscal condition.
- Assisting the development and maintenance of detailed macroeconomic databases and models to forecast the U.S. and New York economies, including satellite models to forecast additional economic variables. Interpreting and communicating the results. Providing research on the economic and business climate of the State to support the economic outlook and for use in developing the State Financial Plan.
- Communicating and presenting the results of forecasts, economic analyses, policy evaluations to internal audiences in various formats or modalities including reports, memos, dashboards, and data visualizations.
- Conducting economic studies to evaluate the economic impacts and costs or benefits of specialized programs, including statistical analyses to model and answer policy makers' questions related to the personal income taxes, labor market effects, and population trends.
- Collecting economic data from a variety of sources.
- Organizing and summarizing data into forms suitable for analysis as prescribed by project design and/or procedures.
- Preparing reports with appropriate graphic and tabular presentation.
- Assisting in the interpretation of data based on economic significance to subject or problem of study.
- Designing and evaluating long-term simulations and econometric models for the purpose of forecasting which may include constructing and maintaining databases for use in conjunction with models.

## Qualifications

- Familiarity with developing, maintaining, and using large data sets.
- Excellent communication skills (verbal and written).



- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a team setting.
- Candidates must demonstrate an ability to address changing priorities and provide expert fiscal policy advice and counsel in an ever-changing fiscal and political environment.
- Proven experience in handling the most used statistical packages such as R or Stata, especially EViews, as well as experience in SAS programming.
- Familiarity with Data Visualization tools such as Tableau or Microsoft Power BI a plus.
- Knowledge and expertise in US and/or New York economies and statistics, particularly in labor markets. Familiarity with datasets published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Census Bureau and the IRS including the Quarterly Census of Economics and Wages, Current Employment Survey, American Community Survey, and Statistics of Income.

The ideal candidate will have analytic ability and a willingness to learn. Key skills for this role include objectivity, flexibility, and adaptability. Mandatory overtime may be required.

### **Benefits of Working at DOB**

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### **Experience of Working at DOB**

Entry level macroeconomists benefit from the knowledge and mentoring of seasoned staff while learning the economic forecasting area. For more on what it's like to work at DOB, check out DOB's Employment [video series](#).

### **How to Apply**

To be considered for this or future positions with DOB, please complete the [Online Employment Application](#) and select "Macroeconomist" as the Title Applying For. Applications are held in DOB's resume database for three months, after which candidates may reapply to be considered for future opportunities.

If you require assistance in applying for employment with the DOB, or if you have any questions about working for DOB, please contact [CareerOpportunities@budget.ny.gov](mailto:CareerOpportunities@budget.ny.gov).

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