Getting Municipal Data Using OpenBookNewYork.com

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Report
- Property Tax Cap
- Revenues and Expenditures
- Tax Limit
- Balance Sheet
- Debt

Report Type
- Trend
- Comparison

Submit

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Classes of Government:
City, County, Fire District, School District, Town, Village, Library, Special Purpose Unit, Joint Activity

What kind of report?

Do you want a trend of multiple years for a single class, or a comparison between multiple governments?

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For our first example:

Select Report:
Revenues and Expenditures

Select Report Type:
Trend

Click: Submit

Class of Government: Select Town

Name of Local Government: Select first Town, Adams

Fiscal Years: Select last 3 completed fiscal years; 2016, 2015, 2014
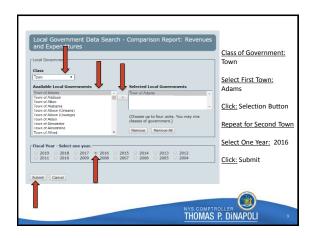
Click: Submit

Takeaways from report:

- This is your data.
- Figures are in aggregate for all funds. By clicking on the breakdown you will see this.
- Because of this, difficult to draw conclusions from this view.
- You can drill down to see specific code totals.
- Broad overview of operations and areas where money is raised and disbursed.

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Sample PDF report:

Upper right-hand corner you will see:

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Trend Report for Town of Adams

Revenues and Proceeds of Debt	2016	2015	2014
Total	2,551,227	2,607,086	2,562,508
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	215,069	213,619	257,713
Community Services Fees	1,700	847	1,595
B2115 Planning Board Fees	800	100	575
B2110 Zoning Fees	900	747	1,020
Culture And Recreation Fees	-	-	-
Economic Development Fees	-	-	-
Education Fees	-	-	-
General Government Fees	3,479	2,974	3,936
A1255 Clerk Fees	1,420	955	1,721
A2544 Dog Licenses	2,059	1,999	2,215
A2530 Games Of Chance	-	20	-
DB1289 Other General Departmental Income	-	-	-
Health Fees	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Fees	-	-	-
Public Safety Fees	-	-	-
Sanitation Fees	-	-	-
Social Services Fees	-	-	-
Transportation Fees	-	-	-
Utility Fees	209,890	209,798	252,182
SW2140 Metered Water Sales	209,890	209,798	252,182

Printer Friendly (PDF)
Download to an Excel Spreadsheet

These options will allow you to make more user friendly reports (versions) for analysis by your local government.

These reports are simply what you see on the webpage in the expanded form.

Please note, no analysis is performed for you.

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For our second example:

Select Report:
Revenues and Expenditures

Select Report Type:
Comparison

Click: Submit

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Local Government Data Search - Comparison Report: Revenues and Expenditures

Local Government

Class
Town ▼

Available Local Governments
Town of Adams
Town of Addison
Town of Afton
Town of Alabama
Town of Albion (Orleans)
Town of Albion (Oswego)
Town of Alden
Town of Alexander
Town of Alexandria
Town of Alfred

Selected Local Governments
Town of Adams

(Choose up to four units. You may mix classes of government.)
Remove   Remove All

Fiscal Year - Select one year.
○ 2019   ○ 2018   ○ 2017   ● 2016   ○ 2015   ○ 2014   ○ 2013   ○ 2012
○ 2011   ○ 2010   ○ 2009   ○ 2008   ○ 2007   ○ 2006   ○ 2005   ○ 2004

Submit   Cancel

Class of Government:
Town

Select First Town:
Adams

Click: Selection Button

Repeat for Second Town

Select One Year: 2016

Click: Submit

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Comparison Report for Town of Adams and Town of Addison for 2016

Revenues and Proceeds of Debt	Town of Adams	Town of Addison
Total	2,551,227	742,917
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	215,069	4,651
CHARGES TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS	249,042	-
FEDERAL AID	-	-
OTHER LOCAL REVENUES	292,687	17,334
OTHER NON-PROPERTY TAXES	28,203	2,142
OTHER REAL PROPERTY TAX ITEMS	8,027	4,217
PROCEEDS OF DEBT	-	-
REAL PROPERTY TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS	680,589	412,938
SALES AND USE TAX	649,667	132,662
STATE AID	297,856	124,586
USE AND SALE OF PROPERTY	130,066	44,387

Expenditures	Town of Adams	Town of Addison
Total	2,445,999	697,962
COMMUNITY SERVICES	3,450	780
CULTURE AND RECREATION	40,997	2,490
DEBT SERVICE	161,079	-
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	25	-
EDUCATION	-	-
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	316,949	161,002
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	451,026	125,546
HEALTH	-	-
OTHER USES	-	-
PUBLIC SAFETY	122,048	48,017
SANITATION	114,426	-
SOCIAL SERVICES	-	-
TRANSPORTATION	891,799	410,197
UTILITIES	353,200	-

Takeaways from report:

- This is each respective municipality's data.
- Figures are in aggregate for all funds. By clicking on the breakdown you will see this.
- Because of this, difficult to draw conclusions from this view.
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*Again, please note the PDF and Excel options.

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For our third example:

Select Download
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Revenue, Expenditure, and Balance Sheet Account Code Level Data

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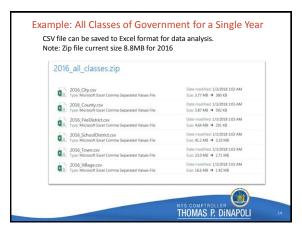THOMAS P. DiNAPOLI
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Bulk Download Options:
- Single Class of Government for All Years – This will create a zip file with an Excel spreadsheet for each year back to 1995 for the selected class.
- All Classes of Government for a Single Year – This will create a zip file with one Excel spreadsheet for the selected year for each Class of Government.
- All Classes of Government for All Years – All of the above

Download Data to Comma Separated File   ✕

Download Selection
- ☑ Single Class of Government for All Years   Select Class ▾
- ○ All Classes of Government for a Single Year   Select Year ▾
- ○ All Classes of Government for All Years

Download Data   Cancel

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Example: Single Class of Government for All Years

CSV file can be saved to Excel format for data analysis.
Note: Zip file current size 58.1MB for Towns

town_all_years.zip

File	Details
1995_Town.csv Type: Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	Date modified: 1/3/2018 12:47 AM Size: 31.7 MB → 2.42 MB
1996_Town.csv Type: Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	Date modified: 1/3/2018 12:48 AM Size: 32.8 MB → 2.51 MB
1997_Town.csv Type: Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	Date modified: 1/3/2018 12:49 AM Size: 31.7 MB → 2.44 MB
1998_Town.csv Type: Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	Date modified: 1/3/2018 12:50 AM Size: 31.8 MB → 2.45 MB
1999_Town.csv Type: Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	Date modified: 1/3/2018 12:50 AM Size: 31.7 MB → 2.45 MB
2000_Town.csv Type: Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	Date modified: 1/3/2018 12:51 AM Size: 33.0 MB → 2.60 MB

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Example: All Classes of Government for a Single Year

CSV file can be saved to Excel format for data analysis.
Note: Zip file current size 8.8MB for 2016

2016_all_classes.zip

File	Details
2016_City.csv Type: Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	Date modified: 1/3/2018 1:03 AM Size: 3.77 MB → 380 KB
2016_County.csv Type: Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	Date modified: 1/3/2018 1:03 AM Size: 5.87 MB → 592 KB
2016_FireDistrict.csv Type: Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	Date modified: 1/3/2018 1:03 AM Size: 4.64 MB → 291 KB
2016_SchoolDistrict.csv Type: Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	Date modified: 1/3/2018 1:03 AM Size: 41.2 MB → 3.19 MB
2016_Town.csv Type: Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	Date modified: 1/3/2018 1:03 AM Size: 33.0 MB → 2.71 MB
2016_Village.csv Type: Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File	Date modified: 1/3/2018 1:03 AM Size: 16.6 MB → 1.42 MB

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Example: All Classes of Government for All Years

CSV file can be saved to Excel format for data analysis.
Note: Zip file current size 191MB

all_classes_years.zip

Name	Type	Modified	Size	Packed
1995_City.csv	Microsoft Excel C...	1/3/2018 12:47 AM	4,24...	399,7...
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1995_FireDistrict.csv	Microsoft Excel C...	1/3/2018 12:47 AM	3,64...	192,5...
1995_SchoolDistrict.csv	Microsoft Excel C...	1/3/2018 12:48 AM	43,4...	3,214...
1995_Town.csv	Microsoft Excel C...	1/3/2018 12:47 AM	31,3...	2,544...
1995_Village.csv	Microsoft Excel C...	1/3/2018 12:47 AM	18,0...	1,456...
1996_City.csv	Microsoft Excel C...	1/3/2018 12:48 AM	4,39...	410,3...
1996_County.csv	Microsoft Excel C...	1/3/2018 12:48 AM	6,36...	595,0...
1996_FireDistrict.csv	Microsoft Excel C...	1/3/2018 12:48 AM	3,52...	189,8...
1996_SchoolDistrict.csv	Microsoft Excel C...	1/3/2018 12:48 AM	41,3...	3,210...
1996_Town.csv	Microsoft Excel C...	1/3/2018 12:48 AM	34,3...	2,636...
1996_Village.csv	Microsoft Excel C...	1/3/2018 12:48 AM	18,4...	1,495...
1997_City.csv	Microsoft Excel C...	1/3/2018 12:49 AM	4,10...	389,9...
1997_County.csv	Microsoft Excel C...	1/3/2018 12:49 AM	5,98...	570,8...

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Example: Excel Spreadsheet Headings

CALENDAR_YEAR	MUNICIPAL_CODE	ENTITY_NAME	CLASS_DESCRIPTION	COUNTY	FISCAL_YEAR_END
2016	220300100000	Town of Adams	Town	Jefferson	31-Dec

ACCOUNT_CODE	ACCOUNT_CODE_NARRATIVE	FINANCIAL_STATEMENT	FINANCIAL_STATEMENT_SEGMENT
A1001	REAL PROPERTY TAXES	STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	REVENUES
A11104	MUNICIPAL COURT, CONTR EXPEND	STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	EXPENDITURES

LEVEL_1_CATEGORY	LEVEL_2_CATEGORY	OBJECT_OF_EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
REAL PROPERTY TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS	REAL PROPERTY TAXES		$ 352,189
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	ADMINISTRATION	Contractual	$ 222,184

From this format, you will be able to perform data analysis which may include:
- Revenue/ Expenditure line item comparisons or trends.
- Balance sheet comparisons or trends.
- Debt comparison or trends.

Please note:
- No analysis is performed for you.
- Data is self reported by each municipality.

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Questions?

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