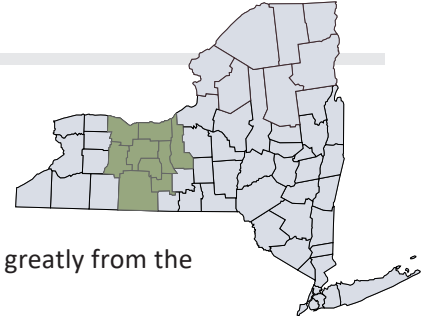


NYSLRS Retirees Contribute to the Finger Lakes Economy

Workers who have retired from public service in State and local government play an important role in the Finger Lakes. As of March 31, 2022, there were more than 40,500 New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS) retirees and beneficiaries in this nine-county region, representing 3.2 percent of the population. The Finger Lakes are home to industries such as optics, imaging and world-class wineries. The area also benefits greatly from the economic contributions of NYSLRS retirees.



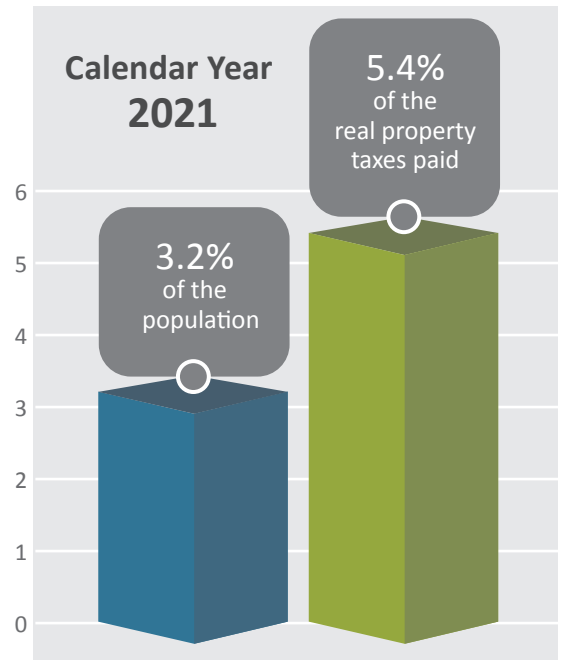
Boosting the Economy

In calendar year 2021, NYSLRS retirees paid a substantial portion of all taxes collected in the Finger Lakes region, paying an estimated \$165 million in property taxes and generating \$60 million in State and local sales taxes.

NYSLRS retirees don't just provide tax revenue — they create employment. In 2021, NYSLRS retirees spent more than \$1.1 billion in the Finger Lakes. Their purchases of goods and services were responsible for an estimated 6,800 jobs.

In addition to job creation, the pension money spent by retirees in the Finger Lakes generated almost \$1.1 billion in economic activity, which includes salaries paid by local businesses to their employees as well as money these businesses paid to their suppliers for goods and services.

After a career of public service, NYSLRS retirees continue to contribute to New York — not just as consumers, but as engaged citizens and individuals who bring value to the communities where they live.



Though they only make up 3.2 percent of the population, Finger Lakes retirees and beneficiaries paid 5.4 percent of the total property taxes collected in the region.



Most NYSLRS members stay in New York State after retiring. As of March 31, 2022, of the 507,923 retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits, approximately 79 percent live in New York.

Future of the Region

As of March 31, 2022, there were 43,822 members of NYSLRS working in the Finger Lakes. Thirty-three percent of NYSLRS members are expected to retire over the next decade. These retirees will continue to spend money, pay taxes and contribute to the well-being of our communities.



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