

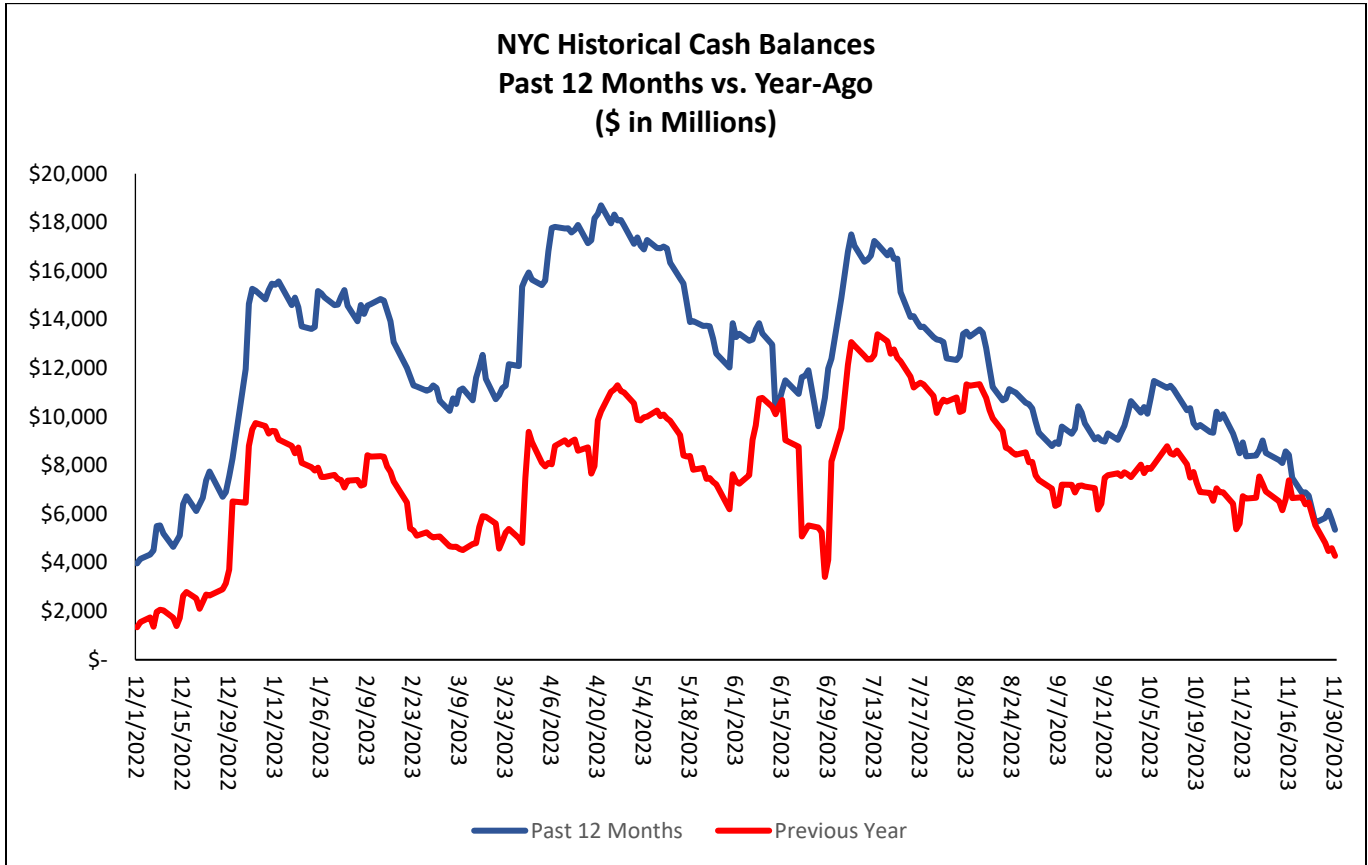


New York City Cash Balance Projection

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The City’s cash balances usually dwindle in late November to early December, before the arrival of property tax payments which are due on January 1. But this November, the City’s cash balances remained historically high for this time of year, averaging \$7.521 billion, compared to \$6.195 billion in November 2022 and \$4.244 billion in November 2021.

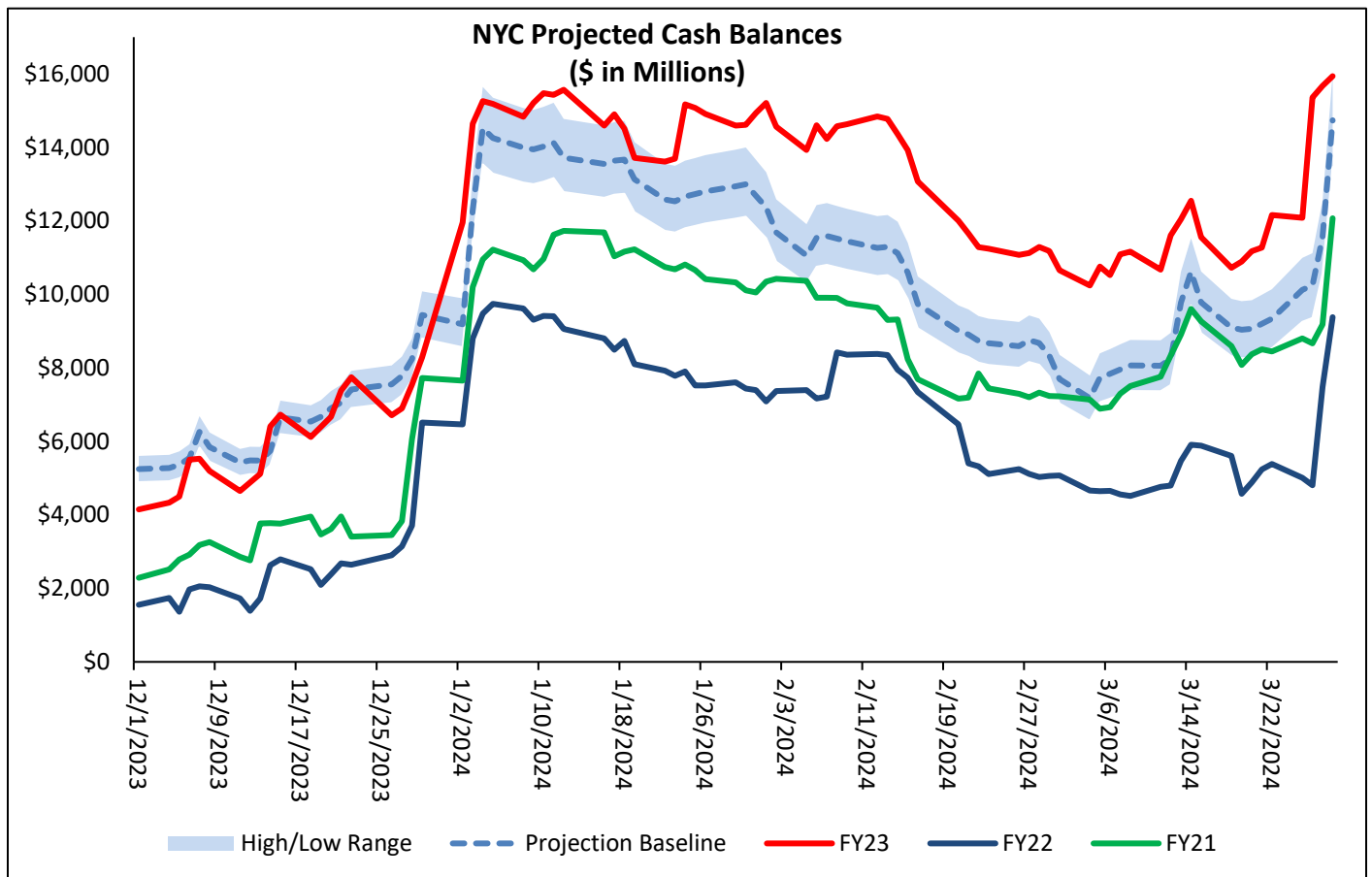
New York City’s economy continues to expand, benefitting from growth in employment and the return of tourism. Tax revenues for the first quarter of FY 2024 grew 4.5% from the same quarter last year. The City collected almost \$9.3 billion in property tax in 1Q24, an increase of \$267 million from last year, with rising assessments driving the growth. Personal income, including pass-through entity tax (PTET), and business taxes grew 23.3% and 9.7%, respectively. The sales tax grew 4%, helped by higher prices and from rebounding activity in the tourism and hospitality sectors. Hotel occupancy rates have almost fully recovered to pre-pandemic levels and average daily room rates rose to record levels, pointing to strong tourism demand. As a result, the hotel occupancy tax rose 6.3%.

During the last 12 months, cash balances have averaged \$12.133 billion, compared to \$7.655 billion at the same time last year. New York City is starting December 1, 2023 with \$5.353 billion in cash, above last year’s figure by \$1.079 billion. The City’s cash balance includes \$1.954 billion in the Revenue Stabilization Fund (RSF), the City’s rainy-day fund. The majority of funds, \$1.455 billion, were allocated to the RSF in fiscal year 2022.

For more information, please see the accompanying [1Q FY 2024 Quarterly Cash Report](#).

Projected Cash Balances (December 1st – March 31st)

The updated projection below outlines expected cash balances in the NYC central treasury from December 1, 2023 to March 29, 2024, incorporating guidance provided in the FY24 November Plan, and increased spending trends related to the asylum seekers, in particular.



The City’s cash position remains strong. December 2023-March 2024 average cash balances are expected to be lower than last year, but higher than cash balances in FYs 2021 and 2022.

In the last three years the annual cash balance low occurred on December 1st. We expect that this year’s cash low will also occur around that time, and will measure between \$4.9 billion and \$5.6 billion. The seasonal low measured \$3.966 billion in FY 2023, \$1.338 billion in FY 2022, and \$2.143 billion in FY 2021.

The forecast assumes a decline in personal income and PTET taxes compared to last year. Meantime, business and sales taxes are expected to rise moderately year-over-year.

The forecast also assumes growing costs associated with providing shelter and services to over 65,000 asylum seekers currently in shelters and humanitarian emergency response and relief centers. These expenditures are included in public assistance and other social services and vendor payments categories. H+H also receives funds for the operation of the City's Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Centers (HERRCs).

Overall, cash balances are estimated to average \$9.882 billion during the next four months compared to \$11.445 billion during the same time last year.

Projection details are in the following pages of this document.

NYC Projected Cash Balances

(\$ in Millions)

	High	Low	Baseline
1-Dec-23	5,604	4,890	5,247
4-Dec-23	5,633	4,915	5,274
5-Dec-23	5,728	4,998	5,363
6-Dec-23	5,921	5,167	5,544
7-Dec-23	6,686	5,834	6,260
8-Dec-23	6,244	5,449	5,846
11-Dec-23	5,797	5,058	5,427
12-Dec-23	5,855	5,110	5,483
13-Dec-23	5,848	5,104	5,476
14-Dec-23	6,130	5,350	5,740
15-Dec-23	7,107	6,202	6,654
18-Dec-23	6,982	6,093	6,538
19-Dec-23	7,122	6,215	6,669
20-Dec-23	7,369	6,430	6,900
21-Dec-23	7,539	6,579	7,059
22-Dec-23	7,917	6,909	7,413
26-Dec-23	8,066	7,039	7,553
27-Dec-23	8,310	7,251	7,780
28-Dec-23	8,799	7,678	8,238
29-Dec-23	10,082	8,798	9,440
2-Jan-24	9,894	8,562	9,186
3-Jan-24	13,248	11,465	12,301
4-Jan-24	15,644	13,538	14,526
5-Jan-24	15,354	13,287	14,257
8-Jan-24	15,070	13,041	13,993
9-Jan-24	15,021	12,999	13,947
10-Jan-24	15,103	13,070	14,023
11-Jan-24	15,213	13,165	14,125
12-Jan-24	14,776	12,786	13,719
16-Jan-24	14,595	12,630	13,552
17-Jan-24	14,690	12,712	13,640
18-Jan-24	14,719	12,737	13,666
19-Jan-24	14,142	12,238	13,131
22-Jan-24	13,553	11,728	12,584
23-Jan-24	13,498	11,681	12,533
24-Jan-24	13,639	11,803	12,664
25-Jan-24	13,712	11,866	12,732
26-Jan-24	13,790	11,933	12,804
29-Jan-24	13,938	12,062	12,942
30-Jan-24	13,996	12,112	12,996
31-Jan-24	13,662	11,823	12,685

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	High	Low	Baseline
1-Feb-24	13,324	11,530	12,372
2-Feb-24	12,585	10,891	11,685
5-Feb-24	11,910	10,307	11,059
6-Feb-24	12,428	10,755	11,540
7-Feb-24	12,484	10,803	11,591
8-Feb-24	12,406	10,736	11,519
9-Feb-24	12,329	10,669	11,447
12-Feb-24	12,131	10,498	11,264
13-Feb-24	12,162	10,524	11,292
14-Feb-24	11,979	10,366	11,122
15-Feb-24	11,407	9,871	10,591
16-Feb-24	10,487	9,075	9,737
20-Feb-24	9,703	8,397	9,010
21-Feb-24	9,592	8,301	8,906
22-Feb-24	9,409	8,142	8,736
23-Feb-24	9,337	8,080	8,669
26-Feb-24	9,251	8,005	8,589
27-Feb-24	9,428	8,159	8,754
28-Feb-24	9,342	8,085	8,674
29-Feb-24	8,976	7,768	8,335
1-Mar-24	8,355	7,032	7,693
4-Mar-24	7,791	6,557	7,174
5-Mar-24	8,397	7,067	7,732
6-Mar-24	8,511	7,163	7,837
7-Mar-24	8,643	7,274	7,958
8-Mar-24	8,759	7,372	8,066
11-Mar-24	8,752	7,366	8,059
12-Mar-24	8,952	7,534	8,243
13-Mar-24	10,617	8,935	9,776
14-Mar-24	11,525	9,700	10,612
15-Mar-24	10,622	8,939	9,781
18-Mar-24	9,879	8,315	9,097
19-Mar-24	9,818	8,263	9,040
20-Mar-24	9,841	8,283	9,062
21-Mar-24	9,990	8,407	9,198
22-Mar-24	10,140	8,534	9,337
25-Mar-24	10,994	9,253	10,123
26-Mar-24	11,123	9,361	10,242
27-Mar-24	12,552	10,564	11,558
28-Mar-24	16,007	13,472	14,739
29-Mar-24	15,384	12,947	14,165

Inflows - NYC Cash Balance Monthly Detail

(\$ in Millions)

Inflows	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Dec-23-Mar-24
Opening Balance	5,353.28	9,440.42	12,685.32	8,334.64	5,353.28
Sales Tax	1,081.41	680.97	816.87	725.81	3,305.06
Utility Tax	32.26	32.26	32.26	32.26	129.03
Commercial Rent Tax	212.71	15.36	9.80	226.51	464.38
Personal Income Tax	1,208.85	2,150.50	1,149.01	1,321.51	5,829.87
General Corporation Tax	1,365.06	298.63	107.68	1,640.52	3,411.89
Banking Tax	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	8.00
Unincorporated Business Tax	327.89	511.61	82.00	444.28	1,365.78
Real Property Tax	5,129.00	7,561.74	284.80	1,244.97	14,220.51
Other Taxes	311.81	408.58	227.85	290.54	1,238.78
Less Refunds All Taxes	-104.57	-104.57	-104.57	-104.57	-418.28
Total Taxes	9,569.41	11,556.07	2,606.69	5,822.84	29,555.01
Federal Welfare	195.87	47.19	131.81	430.31	805.19
Federal Education	129.92	11.20	112.94	174.53	428.59
Federal Community Development	31.62	17.17	24.67	25.35	98.81
Federal Other	135.59	236.17	218.60	167.11	757.48
Total Federal Aid	493.00	311.74	488.03	797.30	2,090.07
NYS Welfare	130.22	31.92	131.33	525.25	818.72
NYS Health	67.07	40.64	1.32	143.02	252.05
NYS Education	1,052.91	87.05	232.10	3,887.35	5,259.40
NYS Higher Education	0.86	62.04	1.47	465.69	530.05
NYS Other	125.57	27.99	61.84	343.56	558.96
Total New York State Aid	1,376.62	249.63	428.06	5,364.86	7,419.18
NYS Revenue Sharing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Intergovernmental Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Intergovernmental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water Board	93.00	0.00	0.00	0.36	93.36
Interest Income	73.42	73.42	73.42	73.42	293.67
Fines and Forfeitures	127.38	127.38	127.38	127.38	509.51
Miscellaneous Revenue	260.92	232.70	275.48	354.21	1,123.32
Senior College Tuition and Fees	0.00	175.50	0.00	0.00	175.50
Capital Interest	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	4.13
Housing Revenue	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	5.37
Total Miscellaneous	557.09	611.37	478.65	557.74	2,204.84
Prior Federal Aid	433.72	133.80	262.59	419.26	1,249.36
Prior NYS Aid	136.06	134.83	162.03	499.03	931.95
Total Federal And NYS Prior Aid	569.77	268.63	424.62	918.30	2,181.31
Balance Sheet Inflows	19.77	19.77	19.77	19.77	79.06
Federal/State Capital	38.13	38.13	38.13	38.13	152.52
Transfers from Capital Proceeds	172.00	148.00	250.00	2,644.00	3,214.00
Payroll Taxes Inflows	208.98	212.56	213.61	270.93	906.08
Seasonal Borrowing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Operating Inflow	606.84	492.03	377.93	457.50	1,934.29
Total Other Inflows	1,045.71	910.48	899.43	3,430.32	6,285.96
Total Inflows	13,611.61	13,907.92	5,325.48	16,891.37	49,736.38

Outflows - NYC Cash Balance Monthly Detail

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Outflows	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Dec-23-Mar-24
Payroll	1,829.31	1,860.64	1,869.84	2,371.59	7,931.39
Pensions	772.96	772.96	772.96	772.96	3,091.82
Social Security	188.63	190.41	191.55	191.82	762.40
Health Plan	522.18	522.18	522.18	522.18	2,088.73
Other PS	70.37	70.37	70.37	70.37	281.47
Total PS	3,383.44	3,416.55	3,426.89	3,928.91	14,155.81
PA	503.10	594.50	454.83	533.47	2,085.90
MA	370.95	412.35	369.28	485.53	1,638.11
Other DOSS	313.67	319.34	322.58	332.83	1,288.42
HHC	476.07	437.81	216.22	659.12	1,789.22
TA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HA	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	44.41
Lump Sum	353.97	227.92	232.95	260.14	1,074.97
Vendor Payments	2,485.31	2,032.19	2,538.73	2,204.54	9,260.76
Other OTPS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total OTPS	4,514.16	4,035.21	4,145.69	4,486.73	17,181.79
City Capital	561.00	1,214.00	484.00	1,309.00	3,568.00
Other Outflow Capital	61.00	88.00	75.00	56.00	280.00
GO Debt Service Funding	0.00	678.26	238.09	0.00	916.35
NYCTFA Debt Service Funding	0.00	0.00	153.88	153.88	307.76
Other Debt Service Funding	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repay Seasonal Borrowing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Taxes Outflow	879.77	888.04	893.36	900.52	3,561.69
Other Outflows	125.10	342.94	259.24	225.61	952.90
Total Other Outflows	1,626.87	3,211.25	2,103.57	2,645.01	9,586.70
Total Outflows	9,524.47	10,663.02	9,676.15	11,060.65	40,924.29
Net Flow	4,087.14	3,244.90	-4,350.68	5,830.72	8,812.08
Ending Balance	9,440.42	12,685.32	8,334.64	14,165.36	14,165.36

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