



Fiscal Stress Monitoring® • System Basics

What is the Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Monitoring System?

The Fiscal Stress Monitoring System (the System) is OSC's program to objectively identify issues with budgetary solvency—the ability to generate enough revenue to meet expenditures—for each county, city, town, village and school district.

How Does it Work?

The System analyzes the financial information submitted to OSC by local governments against a set of uniform financial and environmental indicators.

Financial indicators measure key drivers of fiscal stress in local government financial operations:

Counties, Cities, Towns and Villages:

Year-End Fund Balance
Operating Deficits/Surpluses
Cash Position
Use of Short-Term Cash-Flow Debt Issuance
Fixed Costs

School Districts:

Year-End Fund Balance
Operating Deficits/Surpluses
Cash Position
Reliance on Short-Term Cash-Flow Debt

Environmental indicators provide insight about economic and demographic forces confronting communities—that are beyond the immediate control of local officials but might influence revenue-raising capability and the demand for certain types of services:

Counties, Cities, Towns and Villages:

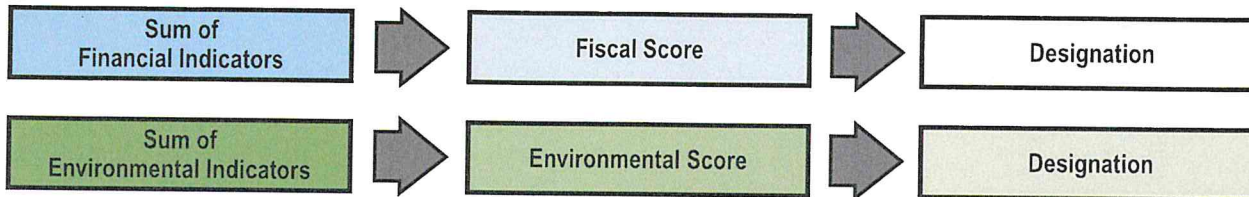
Change in Population
Households with Public Assistance
Percent of Population Under 18 and Over 65
Percent Change in Home Value
Median Household Income
Unemployment Rate
Reliance on State and Federal Aid

School Districts:

Percent of Economically Disadvantaged Students
Class Size
Teacher Turnover Rate
Change in Property Value
Budget Vote Approval Rate
Percent of English-Language Learners

How are the Results Calculated?

OSC provides each local government with two scores, and two resulting designations. The underlying indicators are measured on a 100-point scale. Designations are made for scores falling within certain ranges.



Scores Determine Designations (Stress Category):

Significant Stress	Moderate Stress	Susceptible to Stress	No Designation
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Why is this Program Important?

- The System acts as an early warning and provides valuable information to local leaders and citizens so that they are well-equipped to take a deliberate, long-term and strategic approach to managing their local government.
- This information will help decision-makers and the public to prioritize the needs of the community, understand the trade-offs and follow through with tough decisions.
- Scores are provided once a year by OSC which allows users to track stress trends over time, for individual local governments and for the entire sector across New York State.
- OSC provides training, budgeting tools, management guides, research and best practices reports to help improve and maintain sound financial condition.

For more details about the System, see the Fiscal Stress Monitoring System webpage.

www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/fiscalmonitoring/index.htm

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Self-Assessment Tool:

The self-assessment tool is an interactive excel workbook that can be used to generate fiscal stress projections or view indicator data, recent trends and peer group comparisons.

					Fiscal Scores 					
Fiscal Year Ending In	Class	Local Government/School District Name	County	Stress Designation	Current Year	1 Year Prior	2 Years Prior	Environmental Score	Region	Self-Assessment Tool (.xls) 
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2017	School	Sag Harbor	Suffolk	No Designation	3.3	10.0	10.0	10.0	Long Island	Download
2017	Village	Sag Harbor	Suffolk	No Designation	0.0	6.3	12.5	6.7	Long Island	Download

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The NYSOSC notified us of our annual Fiscal Stress Monitoring Score. The Fiscal Stress Monitoring System is OSC's program to objectively identify issues with budgetary solvency-the ability to generate enough revenue to meet expenditures.

NYSOSC analyzes key drivers of our school's financial operations including fund balance, credit score, operating deficits/surpluses, cash position and reliance on short-term debt.

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NYSOSC also looks at Environmental indicators such as % of economically disadvantaged students, class size, teacher turnover rate, change in property values and budget voter approval rate.

Sag Harbor received an EXCELLENT total score of 10 for Fiscal and 15 for Environmental. As such, our designation is termed “NO DESIGNATION.” The lower the number, the better the score for this method of scoring. Districts with high numbers over 29.9 are rated as Susceptible, Moderate or Significant Fiscal Stress. This is when OSC will closely monitor for improvement.