

The Empire State Exodus

Analyzing New York's Population Decline from 2020-2025

New York lost over 1.1 million residents to other states. Here's why:



- **High Tax Rates:** New York ranks last (50th) on the Tax Foundation's State Tax Competitiveness Index.
- **Poor Economic Outlook:** New York ranks last (50th) for Economic Outlook on ALEC's Rich States, Poor States 2026 Report.
- **Lack of Affordable Housing:** According to the Comptroller, New York has the 3rd highest rate of "housing cost burden" in the nation.

Here's where they're going:



- Florida's population **grew by 8.9%**, while **New York's decreased by 1.0%**.
- Ranks 5th on the Tax Foundation's State Tax Competitiveness Index.
- Low tax rates and no state income tax.



- Texas's population also saw a large increase, growing by **8.8%**.
- Ranks 13th in Economic Outlook on ALEC's Rich States, Poor States 2026 Report.
- No state-income tax.



- North Carolina's population increased by **7.2%**.
- Ranks 4th in Economic Outlook on ALEC's Rich States, Poor States 2026 Report.
- Flat-tax rate which is set to drop even further in 2026.

The Assembly Minority has a plan to address New York's affordability crisis:

Provide
Inflation
Relief

Reduce High
Energy
Costs

Cut Taxes
on
Families

Prevent
Future Tax
Increases