

**Authorities Budget Office**  
**Salary Information for Industrial Development Agencies**

**General Description**

The independent Authorities Budget Office (ABO) was created pursuant to the 2009 Public Authorities Reform Act (PARA). The ABO and the Act took effect on March 1, 2010. Prior to this date, the ABO existed for four years as the Authority Budget Office pursuant to the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005 (PAAA). From its inception, the mission of the ABO has been to make public authorities more accountable and transparent, and to act in the public interest consistent with their intended purpose. The ABO carries out its mission by: collecting, analyzing and disseminating to the public information on the finances and operations of state and local public authorities; conducting reviews to assess the operating and governance practices of public authorities and compliance with state laws; exercising its enforcement powers; promoting good governance principles through training, policy guidance, the issuance of best practice recommendations and staff assistance; and investigating complaints made against public authorities for non-compliance or inappropriate conduct.

Public authorities are grouped into one of the following four categories:

**State Authority:** A public authority or public benefit corporation with one or more of its members appointed by the governor or who serve as members by virtue of holding a civil office of the state, other than an interstate or international authority or public benefit corporation, including subsidiaries of such public authority or public benefit corporation.

**Local Authority:** A public authority or public benefit corporation whose members do not hold a civil office of the state, are not appointed by the governor or are appointed by the governor specifically upon the recommendation of the local government or governments.

**Industrial Development Agency:** A public authority or public benefit corporation established pursuant to the authority of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law or Title 11 or 15 of Article 8 of the Public Authorities Law.

**Local Development Corporation:** A not-for-profit corporation affiliated with, sponsored by, or created by a county, city, town or village government, or an industrial development agency. The most common type of not-for-profit corporations that meet this definition are local development corporations (LDCs), formed pursuant to Section 1411 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. Unlike other authorities, LDCs are not authorized by special acts of the Legislature, but are incorporated through the filing of certificates of incorporation with the Department of State (DOS).

Section 2800 of the Public Authorities law requires public authorities to submit annual reports to the Authorities Budget Office. This dataset is a compilation of employee salary and related information contained within the annual reports submitted by Industrial Development Agencies beginning with fiscal year ending in 2011. It contains information regarding whether the authority has employees or not and disaggregated salary information (e.g. base pay, bonus pay, overtime pay) of authority employees as well as details about the positions (e.g. pay type, title) when the authority reports that it has employees. The

dataset is comprised of information reported to the ABO by Industrial Development Agencies. The ABO is not responsible for verifying the accuracy or reasonableness of the data reported, and does not verify or confirm the accuracy of this data.

### **Data Collection Methodology**

The dataset is compiled from information submitted annually by public authorities to the ABO as part of the annual reporting process. Authorities are able to revise and resubmit data for prior reporting periods to correct any errors identified. These revisions are generally limited to the most recent reporting period. As a result, data for the most recent reporting period may be revised in future updates to the dataset.

### **Statistical and Analytical Issues**

The dataset includes information about employees of the public authority that appear on the authority's payroll, as well as staff of the public authority that are paid by other entities. Staff are defined as those individuals that perform the activities and operations of the authority, whether they are employees of the authority or not. For some of these staff, the compensation amounts reported by the authority may be \$0. Amounts are blank if the Authority didn't enter any information.

The authorities' information included in the report is for all fiscal years reported since 2011. Contact the ABO at [info@abo.ny.gov](mailto:info@abo.ny.gov) if you require reports from previous years.

### **Limitations of Data Use**

The dataset is updated annually. As a result, data revised and resubmitted by a public authority between updates may not be reflected.

All information is as reported by the authorities in the Public Authorities Reporting Information System (PARIS). The ABO has not confirmed the accuracy of the information.