

NYS Design System

The New York State Design System helps teams rapidly design and build accessible, mobile-friendly web applications and sites.

Build Better Digital Experiences Today

Created and managed by a dedicated team, the system is designed with real-world NYS agency needs in mind.

The design system features an open-source collection of tools and guidance that speed up design and development while honoring flexibility, compliance, and creativity.

The system is an ongoing project and living product that is continuously refined to reflect how teams work with new updates released monthly.

Accessibility Deadlines for agencies:

- April 2026, DOJ requirement: WCAG 2.1 AA
- Jan 2027, NYS requirement: WCAG 2.2 AA

What do you get with the NYS Design System?

Accessible Components

Every component is built and tested with accessibility in mind. From color blindness, to neurodivergence, to screen reader support, our components meet or exceed WCAG 2.2 AA's. Accessibility for everyone is woven into the DNA of the code and design.

Speed to Launch

Pre-built components, responsive layout utilities, and semantic design tokens eliminate the need to reinvent foundational UI elements for each project. Instead, teams can focus on solving problems and delivering features that matter most.

Consistency at Scale

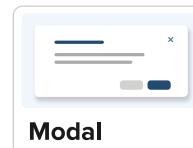
Through shared Figma libraries and reusable web components, designers and developers can work from the same source of truth. Each component includes examples, guidance, and accessibility considerations.

"We saved approximately 30–40% of the time it takes to design a typical project."

—Designer at NYS Office of Mental Health



Button



Modal



Stepper

Code Library

A library of common CSS and HTML components that serve as reusable building blocks to help developers create consistent web applications and sites for New York State.

Reference Website

The documentation site offers implementation and accessibility guidance, live demos, best practices, and release notes.



Color Theme

Primary brand color. Used for primary actions and elements like buttons and checkboxes.



Space 100

Spacing tokens standardize margins, padding, and gaps in layouts.



Font Size, 9XL

Nine times extra-large font size. Maximum size for hero content.

Design Library

Components, text styles, colors, and design tokens are built for use across all state agency design files for consistent, responsive design and prototyping.

Let Us Show You How!

The reference site will get you started through videos, written guidance, and project templates, for faster and more consistent workflows. Learn more at: designsystem.ny.gov/get-started

