



Lobbying

Influencing legislation on behalf of a special interest .



Special Interests

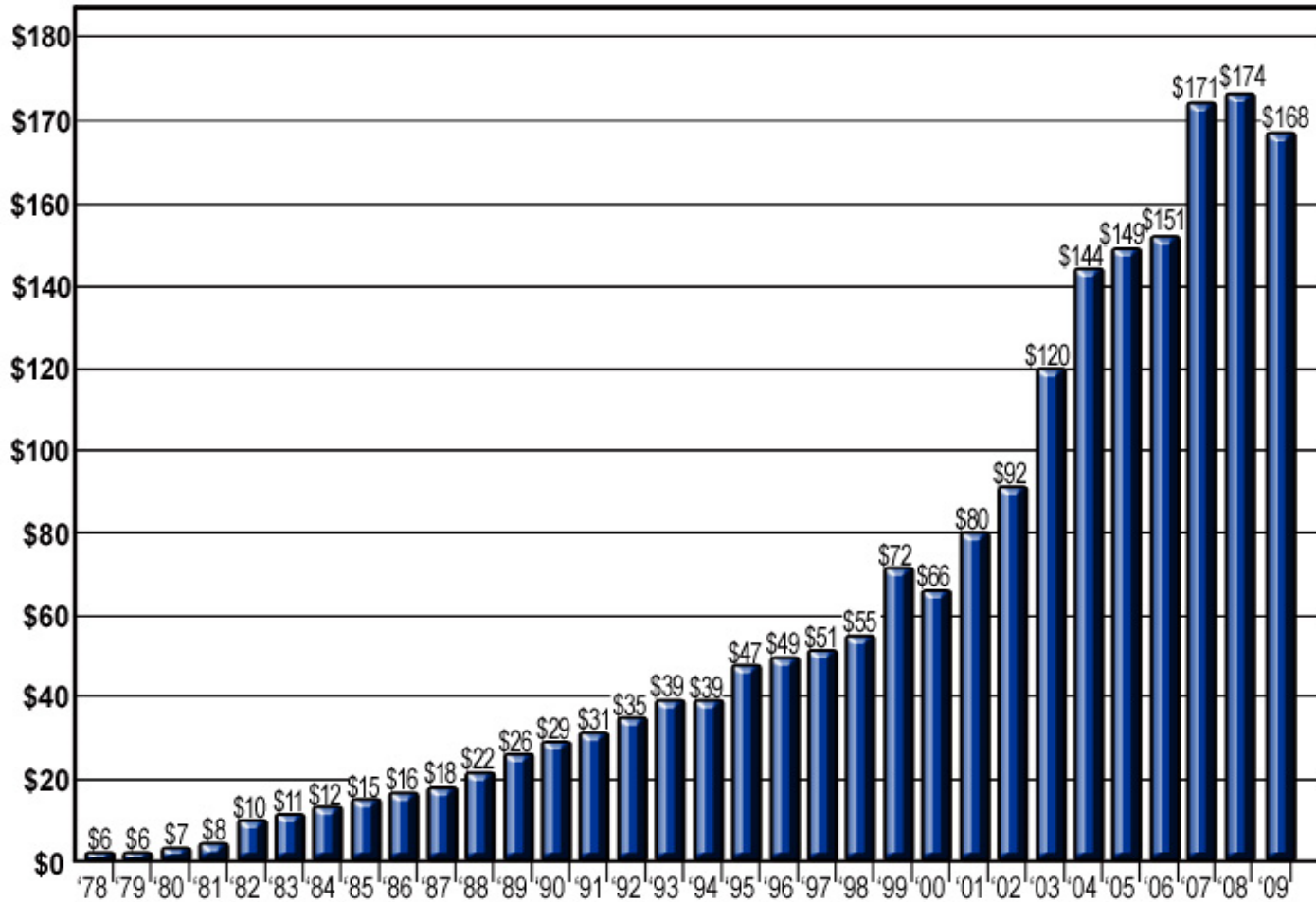
- New York's lobbying law requires the reporting of advocacy before state and local governments.
- 5,887 lobbyists registered with the Commission, representing 3,499 clients.
- New York has the highest ratio of reported lobbyists to lawmakers in the nation. (24 to 1)



Limitations

- Virtually all gifts to public officials are banned.
- Only those that spend over \$5,000 in lobbying activity must report.
- No required disclosure of business relationships with elected officials.
- No limits on involvement in campaign fundraising.

Lobbying Spending in New York State Over Time





Special Interest Spending in New York, 2009

Client	Lobbying	Campaign Contribs.	Total
1199/SEIU & GNYHA HEALTHCARE EDUCATION PROJECT	\$3,816,755		\$3,816,755
UNITED TEACHERS (NYS)	\$2,767,942	\$701,269	\$3,469,211
GREATER NEW YORK HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION	\$1,659,118	\$414,443	\$2,073,561
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC. (NYS)	\$1,779,443	\$190,050	\$1,969,493
WEGMAN'S FOOD MARKETS, INC.	\$1,826,396	\$1,850	\$1,828,246
HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION OF NYS	\$1,539,979	\$209,075	\$1,749,054
VERIZON	\$1,327,399	\$264,561	\$1,591,960
MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NY	\$1,155,902	\$322,115	\$1,478,017
1199	\$361,373	\$1,088,895	\$1,450,268
UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS	\$1,232,331	\$127,960	\$1,360,291



Interests that spent the most on lobbying in 2009.

Health & Mental Hygiene	\$30,102,639
<i>Real Estate & Construction</i>	<i>\$22,057,406</i>
Education	\$13,632,754
<i>Trade Associations</i>	<i>\$12,317,295</i>
<i>Public, Community Interest</i>	<i>\$11,952,912</i>
Marketing & Sales	\$10,315,524



Top Lobby Firms, 2009

Client	Lobbying
WILSON ELSER MOSKOWITZ EDELMAN & DICKER, LLP	\$10,661,296
LYNCH, PATRICIA ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$8,415,694
BOLTON ST. JOHNS, LLC	\$5,329,600
GREENBERG TRAURIG, LLP	\$4,826,040
HINMAN STRAUB ADVISORS LLC	\$4,177,544
KASIRER CONSULTING	\$3,676,522
BROWN MCMAHON & WEINRAUB, LLC (FKA BROWN VIDAL & WEINRAUB, LLC)	\$3,077,229
MALKIN & ROSS	\$2,984,847
MANATT, PHELPS & PHILLIPS, LLP	\$2,576,764
PARKSIDE GROUP, LLC (THE)	\$2,567,168