

Monthly New York State Corporations and Licensing Statistics

New York Secretary of State Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez today announced that the agency’s Division of Licensing Services licensed 6,675 New Yorkers last month, a two percent increase from July 2010. *Included in those numbers are a 23 percent increase in the number of real estate brokers and salespeople and a nearly 54 percent increase in the number of newly licensed security guards.* Meanwhile, the Division of Corporations saw a five percent drop in the number of newly registered business entities in July 2010 over July 2009, though the number of new business registered in the last year (Aug. 2009 – July 2010) increased more than two percent over the number registered the year before (Aug. 2008 – July 2009). A month-over-month comparison of new entity filings for business corporations, not-for-profits, limited liability companies, limited partnerships and limited liability partnerships can be found below:

Type of new business entity	July 2010	July 2009	Percent change
Business corporations	5,490	6,007	-8.6
Not-for-profit corporations	418	435	-3.9
Limited liability companies	4,533	4,553	-0.4
Limited partnerships	86	86	0
Limited liability partnerships	23	27	-14.8
Total no. of new entities	10,550	11,108	-5.0

Below is a year-over-year comparison for the same business classifications:

Type of new business entity	Aug. 2009 – July 2010	Aug. 2008 – July 2009	Percent change
Business corporations	70,352	70,315	+0.1
Not-for-profit corporations	4,779	5,039	-5.2
Limited liability companies	54,637	51,300	+6.5
Limited partnerships	1,074	1,153	-6.9
Limited liability partnerships	273	309	-11.7
Total no. of new entities	131,115	128,116	+2.3

A month-over-month comparison of new licensee filings for appearance enhancement businesses and operators, including cosmetology, esthetics, natural hair styling, nail specialty and waxing; real estate brokers and salespersons; and security guards can be found below:

Type of new licensee	July 2010	July 2009	Percent change
Appearance enhancement operators	1,214	2,194	-44.7
Real estate brokers / salespeople	1,218	987	+23.4
Security guards	2,381	1,548	+53.8
Total number of new licensees**	6,675	6,547	+2.0

** For a complete list of whom DOS licenses, please see the end of the release.

Below is a year-over-year comparison for the total number of licensees:

Type of licensee	Total as of July 2010	Total as of July 2009	Percent change
Appearance enhancement operators	172,946	170,459	+1.5
Real estate brokers / salespeople	112,115	115,045	-2.5
Security guards	159,293	147,798	+7.8
Total no. of licensees in NYS**	801,246	791,911	+1.2

The Department of State’s Division of Corporations files and maintains documents relating to business entities

that are formed under the laws of New York State or authorized to do business under the laws of the state – in addition to the new entity filings listed above. The Division receives applications to register a business' name and receives certificates of amendment, such as changes in address or registered agent, as well as certificates of incorporation, merger and dissolution.

The Department of State's Division of Licensing Services plays an important role for consumers, occupational licensees and applicants and the business community in New York State. The Division is responsible for the licensure, registration and/or regulation of the following: real estate brokers and salespersons; barber shops and practitioners; appearance enhancement businesses and practitioners; private investigators; watch guard or patrol agencies; security guards; bail enforcement agents; central dispatch facilities; document destruction contractors; ticket resellers; security and fire alarm installers; hearing aid dispensers; apartment information vendors; apartment sharing agents; real estate appraisers; notaries public; bedding manufacturers and used bedding sellers; armored car carriers and guards; coin processors; home inspectors; telemarketers; athlete agents and pet cemeteries.

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