

Since 1910



New York's **LEADING** Union

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# A Century of Service

**1910**  
A group of state employees officially convenes at the state Capitol in Albany to establish the Association to preserve and promote merit and fitness in public employment.

**1920**  
New York State Public Employee Retirement System established. Association's first president, William Thomas, is instrumental in the commission that helps draft the law establishing the retirement system.

**1926**  
New York State government is dramatically overhauled, largely through the efforts and determination of Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Scores of overlapping state commissions and offices with varying lines of oversight and accountability are streamlined into Executive branch departments. A first-ever comprehensive state budget process is established.

**1930**  
In the heart of the Great Depression the Association grows enormously as Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt recognizes the Association as a legitimate representative of state employees.

**1930**  
Membership drive balloons membership to nearly 8,500.

**1934**  
Beulah Bailey Thull becomes first woman president of the Association.

**1936**  
The Association establishes groundbreaking Group Insurance program still serving as a model for benefit plans.

**1936**  
Gov. Herbert Lehman supports Association drive to end 72-hour work week for institutional employees.

**1938**  
The Association helps secure enactment of the Feld-Hamilton Act establishing standard state job classification and compensation.

**1941**  
The Association's involvement on the Fite Commission helps standardize civil service procedures statewide and combat

**1946**  
Name of Association changed to CSEA. Constitution amended to allow membership by employees of local governments. Westchester County employees become first local government chapter in 1947.

**1956**  
CSEA instrumental in establishing the state Health Insurance Plan - extended to local government employees two years later.

**1962**  
CSEA membership reaches 100,000.

**1967**  
CSEA gains full collective bargaining rights under the Taylor Law signed by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller. It remains the nation's most comprehensive

**1969**  
Membership surpasses 200,000.

**1975**  
Thousands of CSEA members demonstrate on the steps of the state Capitol in Albany to demand fairer state budget priorities.

**1978**  
CSEA affiliates with the American Federation of State and County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and becomes part of the AFL-CIO.

**1978**  
CSEA establishes statewide Women's Committee, which advances pay equity, child and family care issues.

**1980**  
CSEA leads the way nationally for safety and health protection of public employees under first of its kind legislation - the Public Employee Safety and Health

**1980**  
President Jimmy Carter addresses CSEA Annual Delegates Meeting in Niagara Falls.

**1994**  
CSEA supports state comptroller Carl McCall in successful lawsuits to protect the integrity of the NYS Retirement System.

**1999**  
Membership - 265,000.

**2000**  
Years of hard work succeed as CSEA is instrumental in securing a permanent Cost of Living Adjustment for the Public Employee Retirement System.

**2001**  
September 11 - CSEA mourns the loss of five of its members in the attack on the World Trade Center.

**2005**  
CSEA wages campaign for future of public health care. CSEA fights Social Security to preserve Affordable Health Care.

**2006**  
CSEA is instrumental in the passage of the landmark Worksite Security Act, helping to better secure public buildings and worksites across New York.

**2007**  
CSEA recognized as the representative for nearly 25,000 home child care providers, opening a new avenue to advocate for quality child care.

**2009**  
Membership approaches 300,000.

**2009**  
CSEA fights for fairness for middle class New Yorkers in state budget battle.

**2010**  
20,000 CSEA and other unionists converge on the state Capitol on a hot day in February over stalled contract negotiations.