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Exodus of wealthy dents state's bottom line

IRS data show high earners, working-age most likely to leave N.Y.

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ALBANY — In 2022, New York lost billions of dollars in taxable income from residents leaving the state, trailing only California for the most revenue lost, according to the most recent data from the Internal Revenue Service.

The state recorded a nearly \$10 billion decrease in annual adjusted gross income from 2021 to 2022, tax data shows, with an estimated 425,000 people departing. The data, while older, gives a national perspective on New

York's out-migration challenges and comes amid a heated debate about whether New York should hike taxes on the state's residents with the wealthiest incomes.

The IRS data shows New York's highest earners, as well as middle-aged individuals were most likely to leave the state. But other data available from the New York Department of Taxation and Finance shows the number of millionaires moving out of New York dropped since 2022.

Tax filers are departing many blue, coastal states with higher taxes for other parts of the coun-

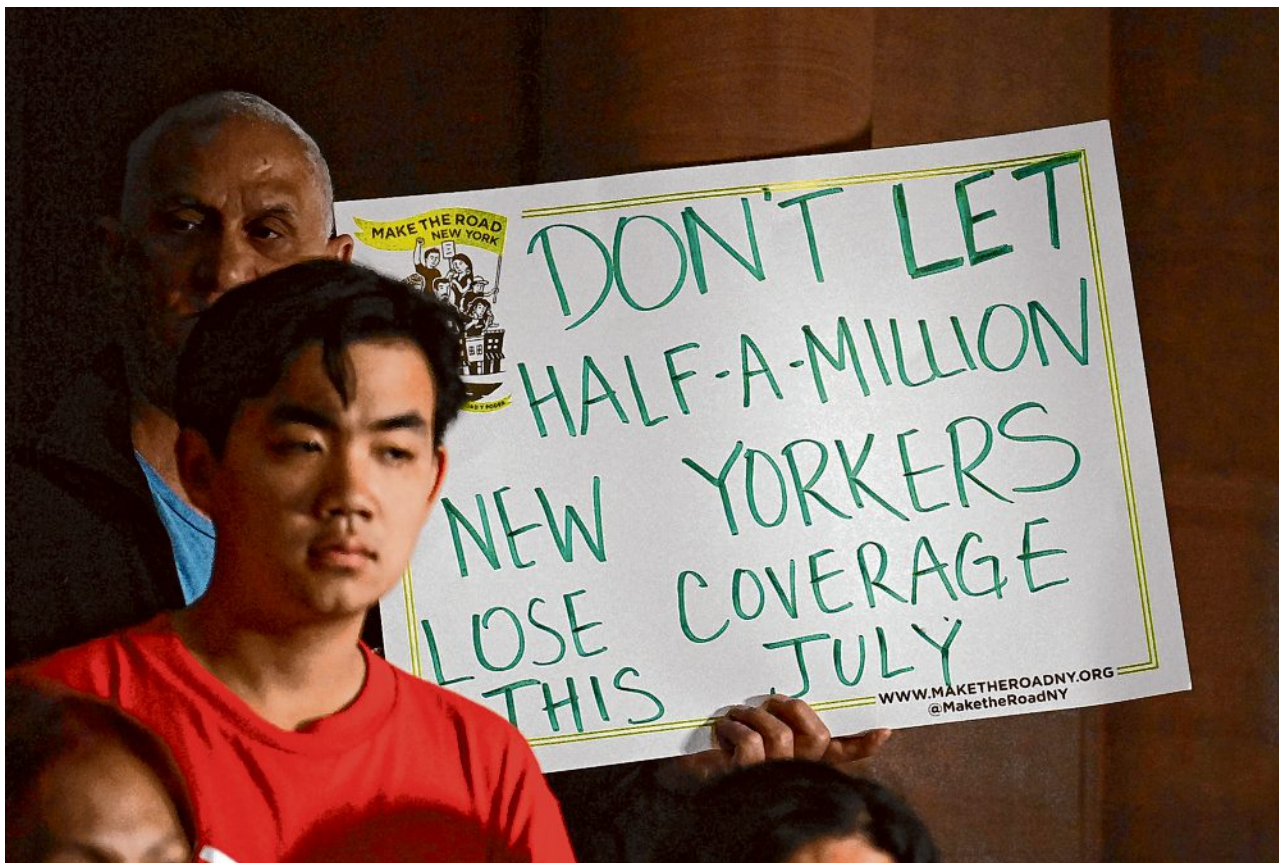
try, the new IRS data shows. Other states that lost the most taxable income from 2021 to 2022 were Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, according to the IRS. Florida posted the biggest gains by far, recording an increase of \$21 billion in annual adjusted gross income that year, followed by Texas, South Carolina, North Carolina and Arizona.

Earlier this month, Gov. Kathy Hochul lamented New York's "eroded" tax base and urged millionaires who support her policies to "go down to Palm Beach See **DATA, A6**



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Gov. Kathy Hochul is at the center of a debate about whether to raise taxes on the wealthiest New Yorkers. Hochul has opposed tax increases since she became governor.



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A bill before the state Legislature would preserve health insurance for many residents who would otherwise lose coverage in July.

Lawmakers pitch fix for those losing health insurance

New York would fund coverage for 400,000 set to lose it

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ALBANY — Hundreds of thousands of people in New York will begin receiving letters from the state Wednesday warning that their government subsidized health coverage through the state's online marketplace will end in three months.

But Democrats in the state Legislature are now proposing a measure that this week they said would preserve that coverage before it expires in July.



Assemblywoman Amy Paulin has introduced a bill that would require the state to fund health insurance for those set to lose it.

"This is critically important that we go forward and I believe that we will have the cooperation of everyone in doing so," said Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, a Democrat from Westchester County who chairs the Health Committee.

Paulin and state Senate Health Chair Gustavo Rivera have introduced a bill that would require the state to pay for a new subsidized health care plan for the 400,000-plus people set to lose coverage.

It's the first formal proposal that's See **INSURANCE, A3**

Court wary of Trump's citizenship order

Justices pointedly queried solicitor general as president sat, watched

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court seemed poised Wednesday to reject President Donald Trump's restrictions on birthright citizenship in a momentous case that was magnified by his unparalleled presence in the courtroom.

Conservative and liberal justices questioned whether Trump's order declaring that children born to parents who are in the United States illegally or temporarily are not American citizens comports with either the Constitution or federal law.

Arguments lasted more than two hours in a crowded courtroom that included not only Trump, the first sitting president to attend arguments at the nation's highest court, but also Attorney General Pam Bondi and Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, and in seats reserved for the justices' guests, actor Robert De Niro.

The case frames another test of Trump's assertions of executive power that defy long-standing precedent for a court with a conservative majority and a robust view of presidential power, which has largely ruled in the Republican president's favor. In the notable exceptions when the court has not, Trump has responded with starkly personal criticisms of the justices. A definitive ruling is expected by early summer.

Trump, the media-savvy president, spent just over an hour inside a courtroom that prohibits cameras and all electronic devices for arguments made by the Republican administration's top Supreme Court lawyer, Solicitor General D. John Sauer. The president departed shortly after lawyer Cecillia Wang began her presentation in defense of broad birthright citizenship.

After court adjourned, Trump posted on Truth See **COURT, A5**

Dippikill Adirondack retreat to reopen, but not this year

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ALBANY — Dippikill, the beloved forest retreat owned by the University at Albany Student Association, will reopen under new ownership, the university announced.

No date was announced, and the university said the reopening would not occur this year.

The Adirondack camp was abruptly closed in October

2024. Student Senate members floated the idea of selling the 800-acre wilderness outpost, which is worth more than \$2 million, according to the property assessment. Alumni responded en masse, questioning the legality of such a move as they invoked protections put in place when the property was first purchased in 1956.

The Student Senate acknowledged months later that students had closed Dippikill in re-

sponse to a wage complaint from the Dippikill employees, who said they had not been paid overtime appropriately. In April 2025, the students agreed to pay \$572,000 over three years to settle the dispute.

University officials urged the Student Senate to reopen Dippikill, offering business advice and other assistance. The Alumni Association also offered help. But the students See **REOPEN, A3**



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A sign for the Dippikill wilderness retreat in Thurman, which was run by the University at Albany Student Association until it abruptly closed in October 2024 in response to a wage complaint from Dippikill employees.

