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## **BUDGETARY BLIZZARD: IN THE WINTER OF 2015, NEW YORK CITY SPENT \$2.5 MILLION PER INCH TO CLEAR SNOW AND ICE**

*Average cost from FY 2003 – FY 2015 was \$1.9 million per inch*

**(New York, NY)** – In Fiscal Year 2015, it cost New York City \$2.5 million per inch to clear 47.5 inches of snow and ice, the third highest per-inch cost over the last 13 years, according to a new data analysis released today by New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer. The FY 2015 data builds on a report released by Comptroller Stringer in January 2015: [“The Slippery Cost Slope of Ice and Snow Removal in New York City.”](#)

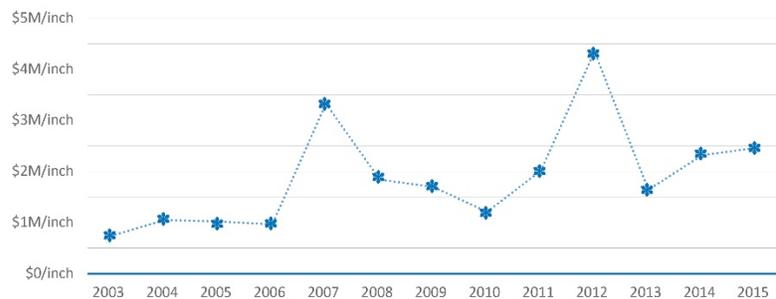
“Removing snow can be a budgetary blizzard with costs that can reach into the millions on a per inch basis,” Comptroller Stringer said. “Last year the cost per inch to plow snow and ice was higher than average, but a lot goes into making sure our streets are clear – from salt stockpiles to personnel costs to the number of inches of snow that falls.”

From FY 2003 to FY 2015:

- The average cost per-inch to remove snow and ice was \$1.9 million.

### **NEW YORK CITY SNOW REMOVAL COSTS PER INCH**

FY 2003 - FY 2015



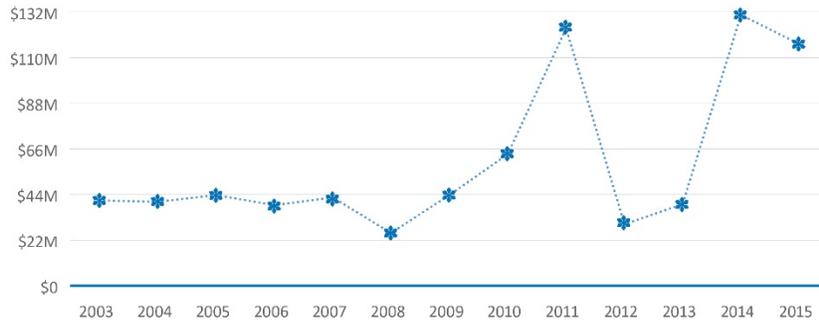
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- The annual cost for ice and snow removal ranged from a low of \$25.4 million in FY 2008 to a high of \$130.7 million in FY 2014, and a 13-year average annual cost of \$60 million. However, from FY 2013 to FY 2015, the average cost increased to \$95.5 million.

## NEW YORK CITY ANNUAL ICE AND SNOW REMOVAL COSTS

FY 2003 - FY 2015



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