



New York Life Flexible Premium Variable Annuity Performance Summary

as of December 31, 2011 for policies purchased before June 2, 2003 Investing in NYLIAC Variable Annuity Separate Account III

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¹ Performance for the classes/shares in this performance summary do not impose a 12b-1 fee (except for Fidelity® VIP Mid Cap—Service Class 2 which was added on September 8, 2003, Victory VIF Diversified Stock—Class A Shares, MFS® Utilities Series—Service Class, Neuberger Berman AMT Mid-Cap Growth Portfolio—Class S all of which were added on May 1, 2004, Columbia Variable Portfolio - Small Cap Value Fund—Class 2⁸ which was added on November 15, 2004, MainStay VP Floating Rate—Service Class and MainStay VP Balanced—Service Class which were both added on May 1, 2005, MainStay Conservative Allocation—Service Class, MainStay VP Growth Allocation—Service Class, MainStay VP Moderate Allocation—Service Class and MainStay VP Moderate Growth Allocation—Service Class, all of which were added on February 13, 2006, MainStay VP Flexible Bond Opportunities - Service Class and BlackRock® Global Allocation Fund V.I. - Class III Shares, where were added on May 1, 2011, as Investment Divisions through the New York Life Flexible Premium Variable Annuity) and may be higher than the returns for those classes/shares that do impose a 12b-1 fee. Contact your NYLIFE Securities LLC Registered Representative or call 1-800-598-2019 for more information.

Investment Division Inception Date is the date in which the Investment Division is first offered in the product. Portfolio Inception Date is the date that the Portfolio in which the Investment Division invests was first offered.

² Assumes no deduction for contingent deferred sales charge.

³ Risk Tolerances are assigned by New York Life. The Investment Divisions are grouped by risk classifications that reflect performance volatility based on Lipper classifications as of December 31, 2010. Lipper is a widely used independent research firm, which ranks mutual funds and other investment companies by overall performance, investment objectives and assets.

⁴ Certain Portfolios existed prior to the date that they were added as Investment Divisions of the Separate Account. The performance for the MainStay VP Series fund, Inc. Service class portfolios are based on the Initial Class Portfolio (where applicable). The performance for all other Investment Divisions is based on the Portfolio Inception Date reflected in the performance summary. The hypothetical performance of the Investment Divisions was derived from the performance of the corresponding Portfolio, modified to reflect Separate Account and Fund annual expenses as if the policy had been available during the periods shown.

⁵ Performance is calculated as of the initial date a deposit was received in the Investment Division.

⁶ The S&P 500 Index® is an unmanaged index and is widely regarded as the standard for measuring Large-Cap U.S. stock market performance. "S&P 500" is a trademark of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. and has been licensed for use by the MainStay VP S&P 500 Index Portfolio. The MainStay VP 500 Index Portfolio is not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by Standard & Poor's and Standard and Poor's make no representation regarding the advisability of investing in the MainStay VP S&P 500 Index Portfolio. Investors cannot invest directly in an index.

⁷ New allocations to the Alger Small Cap Growth - Class I-2 Shares Investment Division will not be accepted from Policyowners who were not invested in the Investment Division as of June 1, 2007.

⁸ Prior to May 1, 2011, this Portfolio was known as Columbia Small Cap Value Fund, Variable Series - Class B

⁹ An investment in the MainStay VP Cash Management Portfolio is neither insured nor guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency and there can be no assurance that the Portfolio will be able to maintain a stable net asset value. Although the Portfolio seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money by investing in the Portfolio. The current yield as of December 31, 2011 more closely reflects the Portfolio's earnings than the total return figures shown.

Historically, certain fees have been assumed or reduced by some of the portfolios. Had these expenses not been assumed or reduced, the total return for those Investment Divisions would have been lower.

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Annuities

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Average Annual Total Return as of December 31, 2011 (Updated Monthly)

Table with columns: Investment Divisions, Risk Level, Portfolio Inception Date, Investment Division Inception Date, Month to Date, Year to Date (Updated Monthly), and Standardized/Non-Standardized returns for 1, 3, 5, and 10 years.

Performance data quoted is past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Due to market volatility, current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown. The investment return and the accumulation value of your policy will fluctuate so that a policy, when surrendered, may be worth more or less than the premium payments. For current to the most recent month-end performance information, please call 1-800-598-2019 or visit www.newyorklife.com.

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Withdrawals and surrenders may be taxable transactions, and prior to 59 1/2, may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty (the penalty tax is increased to 25% in the case of a distribution from a SIMPLE IRA within the first two years of your participation in the SIMPLE IRA plan). The Investment Divisions offered through the New York Life Flexible Premium Variable Annuity and described herein are different from mutual funds that may have similar names but are available directly to the public. Investment results may differ.



Annuitants

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Average Annual Total Return as of December 31, 2011 (Updated Quarterly)

Investment Divisions ¹	Risk Level ²	Portfolio Inception Date	Investment Division Inception Date ¹	Non-Standardized (Assuming No Surrender) ²					Standardized (Assuming Surrender)				
				1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Investment Division Inception ⁵	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Investment Division Inception ⁵
Equity													
MainStay VP Common Stock - Initial Class	High	1/23/84	5/1/95	0.16%	10.31%	-2.68%	0.81%	5.33%	-6.15%	7.94%	-3.57%	0.81%	5.33%
MainStay VP Growth Allocation - Service Class	High	2/13/06	2/13/06	-4.24%	10.92%	-1.88%	N/A	0.13%	-10.27%	8.57%	-2.77%	N/A	-0.49%
MainStay VP Growth Equity - Initial Class	High	1/29/93	5/1/95	-2.74%	12.50%	-1.00%	-0.84%	3.42%	-8.87%	10.22%	-1.90%	-0.84%	3.42%
MainStay VP International Equity - Initial Class	High	5/1/95	5/1/95	-17.21%	0.27%	-5.23%	3.96%	3.97%	-22.42%	-1.89%	-6.10%	3.96%	3.97%
MainStay VP Large Cap Growth - Initial Class	High	5/1/98	5/1/98	-1.65%	15.88%	2.36%	0.52%	2.83%	-7.85%	13.73%	1.42%	0.52%	2.83%
MainStay VP Mid Cap Core - Initial Class	High	7/2/01	7/6/01	-4.34%	16.35%	-1.46%	5.22%	4.29%	-10.36%	14.21%	-2.37%	5.22%	4.29%
MainStay VP S&P 500 Index - Initial Class ⁶	High	1/29/93	5/1/95	0.44%	12.26%	-1.83%	1.25%	5.48%	-5.89%	9.96%	-2.73%	1.25%	5.48%
MainStay VP U.S. Small Cap - Initial Class	High	5/1/98	5/1/98	-4.10%	18.03%	2.81%	3.47%	1.47%	-10.14%	15.96%	1.87%	3.47%	1.47%
Alger Small Cap Growth - Class I-2 Shares ⁷	High	9/21/88	10/1/96	-4.53%	19.17%	0.60%	5.13%	2.20%	-10.54%	17.14%	-0.32%	5.13%	2.20%
Columbia Variable Portfolio - Small Cap Value Fund—Class 2 ⁸	High	6/1/00	11/15/04	-7.43%	12.47%	-0.64%	6.17%	3.27%	-13.27%	10.19%	-1.55%	6.17%	3.01%
Dreyfus IP Technology Growth - Initial Shares	Highest	8/31/99	7/6/01	-9.06%	21.90%	3.51%	0.98%	0.78%	-14.79%	19.97%	2.57%	0.98%	0.78%
Fidelity [®] VIP Contrafund [®] - Initial Class	High	1/3/95	10/1/96	-3.88%	14.14%	-0.46%	4.82%	6.49%	-9.93%	11.92%	-1.37%	4.82%	6.49%
Fidelity [®] VIP Mid Cap - Service Class 2	High	1/12/00	9/8/03	-12.09%	15.38%	0.79%	7.15%	7.74%	-17.63%	13.21%	-0.13%	7.15%	7.62%
Janus Aspen Worldwide Portfolio - Institutional Shares	High	9/13/93	10/1/96	-14.94%	9.68%	-4.89%	-1.28%	2.41%	-20.30%	7.32%	-5.76%	-1.28%	2.41%
MFS [®] Research Series - Initial Class	High	7/26/95	5/1/98	-1.83%	13.04%	0.32%	2.09%	1.28%	-8.02%	10.77%	-0.60%	2.09%	1.28%
Neuberger Berman AMT Mid-Cap Growth - Class S	High	2/18/03	6/2/03	-1.13%	17.58%	1.76%	N/A	6.59%	-7.36%	15.50%	0.83%	N/A	6.47%
Royce Micro-Cap Portfolio - Investment Class	High	12/27/96	5/1/05	-13.32%	20.07%	-0.14%	6.35%	5.64%	-18.78%	18.08%	-1.06%	6.35%	5.20%
Royce Small-Cap Portfolio - Investment Class	High	12/27/96	5/1/05	-4.63%	14.76%	0.92%	6.52%	4.39%	-10.63%	12.56%	0.00%	6.52%	3.97%
UIF Emerging Markets Equity Portfolio - Class I	Highest	10/1/96	10/1/96	-19.35%	16.60%	-1.25%	10.44%	5.09%	-24.43%	14.48%	-2.15%	10.44%	5.09%
Van Eck VIP Global Hard Assets	Highest	9/1/89	5/1/98	-17.61%	17.71%	4.43%	14.34%	9.81%	-22.80%	15.63%	3.47%	14.34%	9.81%
Victory VIF Diversified Stock - Class A Shares	High	7/1/99	5/1/04	-8.12%	8.45%	-3.26%	0.82%	1.72%	-13.91%	6.12%	-4.15%	0.82%	1.48%
Equity and Income													
MainStay VP Balanced - Service Class	Moderate	5/1/05	5/1/05	1.11%	11.01%	0.45%	N/A	2.30%	-5.26%	8.66%	-0.48%	N/A	1.89%
MainStay VP Convertible - Initial Class	Moderate	10/1/96	10/1/96	-6.07%	16.29%	2.87%	4.21%	5.67%	-11.99%	14.15%	1.92%	4.21%	5.67%
MainStay VP ICAP Select Equity - Initial Class	Moderate	5/1/98	5/1/98	-2.81%	13.04%	-1.30%	1.90%	1.83%	-8.93%	10.78%	-2.20%	1.90%	1.83%
MainStay VP Income Builder - Initial Class	Moderate	1/29/93	5/1/95	2.68%	12.28%	1.58%	2.25%	4.83%	-3.79%	9.99%	0.65%	2.25%	4.83%
MainStay VP Moderate Allocation - Service Class	Moderate	2/13/06	2/13/06	-0.71%	10.54%	1.22%	N/A	2.42%	-6.96%	8.17%	0.30%	N/A	1.79%
MainStay VP Moderate Growth Allocation - Service Class	Moderate	2/13/06	2/13/06	-2.82%	11.35%	-0.27%	N/A	1.45%	-8.95%	9.01%	-1.18%	N/A	0.82%
BlackRock [®] Global Allocation V.I. Fund - Class III Shares	Moderate	11/18/03	5/1/11	-4.98%	7.04%	2.26%	N/A	-10.65%	-10.96%	4.74%	1.32%	N/A	-16.28%
Calvert VP SRI Balanced Portfolio	Moderate	9/2/86	5/1/95	3.11%	12.09%	-0.68%	1.63%	4.04%	-3.38%	9.79%	-1.59%	1.63%	4.04%
Fidelity [®] VIP Equity-Income - Initial Class	High	10/9/86	10/1/96	-0.43%	13.23%	-3.85%	1.64%	3.93%	-6.70%	10.97%	-4.73%	1.64%	3.93%
Janus Aspen Balanced Portfolio - Institutional Shares	Moderate	9/13/93	10/1/96	0.23%	9.97%	3.76%	4.49%	7.16%	-6.09%	7.61%	2.81%	4.49%	7.16%
MFS [®] Investors Trust Series - Initial Class	High	10/9/95	5/1/98	-3.54%	9.76%	-1.04%	1.44%	0.33%	-9.62%	7.41%	-1.95%	1.44%	0.33%
MFS [®] Utilities Series - Service Class	Moderate	5/1/00	6/2/03	5.03%	15.49%	3.51%	8.66%	11.61%	-1.59%	13.32%	2.56%	8.66%	11.49%
T. Rowe Price Equity Income Portfolio	Moderate	3/31/94	5/1/98	-2.09%	11.21%	-2.47%	2.45%	2.89%	-8.26%	8.87%	-3.37%	2.45%	2.89%
Income													
MainStay VP Bond-Initial Class	Moderate	1/23/84	5/1/95	5.76%	6.13%	5.13%	4.30%	4.68%	-0.91%	3.85%	4.16%	4.30%	4.68%
MainStay VP Cash Management - Current yield is -1.28% ⁹	Low	1/29/93	5/1/95	-1.37%	-1.37%	-0.01%	0.32%	1.62%	-7.59%	-3.48%	-0.93%	0.32%	1.62%
MainStay VP Conservative Allocation - Service Class	Moderate	2/13/06	2/13/06	1.22%	10.28%	2.62%	N/A	3.34%	-5.15%	7.91%	1.68%	N/A	2.70%
MainStay VP Flexible Bond Opportunities - Service Class	Moderate	5/1/11	5/1/11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-2.42%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-8.57%
MainStay VP Floating Rate-Service Class	Moderate	5/1/05	5/1/05	0.53%	12.00%	1.47%	N/A	1.88%	-5.81%	9.69%	0.54%	N/A	1.46%
MainStay VP Government - Initial Class	Moderate	1/29/93	5/1/95	4.51%	2.85%	4.38%	3.59%	4.22%	-2.08%	0.64%	3.42%	3.59%	4.22%
MainStay VP High Yield Corporate Bond - Initial Class	Moderate	5/1/95	5/1/95	4.78%	17.92%	4.36%	7.64%	7.16%	-1.82%	15.85%	3.40%	7.64%	7.16%
PIMCO Real Return - Advisor Class Shares	Moderate	2/28/06	5/1/10	10.02%	10.98%	6.41%	N/A	7.50%	3.09%	8.63%	5.43%	N/A	3.40%

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