Siena College Poll:

'Blue' NY Supports 6 Leading Democrats Over Trump By 14-25 Points; By 62-29%, Voters Say Trump Will be Re-elected & Dems Say so 48-41%

Sanders Leads Bloomberg by 4 Points in Primary Race for Democrats

Dems Say Bloomberg Has Best Chance to Win; Want Candidate they Agree with More than Candidate with Best Chance to Beat Trump, 51-45%

Cuomo Ratings Drop, As Does Support for Last Year's Bail Reform Law

Loudonville, NY. New York voters would choose any of the six leading Democratic presidential candidates over President Donald Trump by margins from 25 points by Michael Bloomberg to 14 points by Elizabeth Warren. And New Yorkers say by a 62-29 percent margin that they believe Trump will be re-elected, including 81 percent of Republicans, 73 percent of independents and even a plurality, 48 percent, of Democrats, according to a new Siena College Poll of registered New York State voters released today.

Among registered Democrats, Bernie Sanders has the support of 25 percent, followed by Bloomberg, 21 percent; Joe Biden, 13 percent; Warren, 11 percent; and, Pete Buttigieg and Amy Klobuchar, each with nine percent. Fifty-one percent of Democrats prefer a candidate they agree with on more issues, while 45 percent want the candidate with the best chance to defeat Trump. And 33 percent of Democrats say that Bloomberg has the best chance to beat Trump, followed by Sanders at 22 percent, Biden at 16 percent and the other three in single digits.

"Thirty-six weeks out, it does not appear that the Democrats' winning streak in presidential contests in New York – solid since Ronald Regan's re-election in 1984 – is in jeopardy. All six leading Democratic candidates currently lead Trump by double digits," said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg.

"Bloomberg, the former New York City mayor and current New Yorker, has a substantial 25-point lead over the President who was elected from New York and now lives in Florida, largely on the strength of a 17-point lead among independent voters," Greenberg said. "Buttigieg is the only other Democrat to have a lead, albeit very narrow, over Trump with independents."

General Election Matchups in NYS				
	Total	**Dem**	**Rep**	**Ind**
Bloomberg	**58%**	**75%**	25%	**51%**
Trump	33%	17%	**71%**	34%
Buttigieg	**56%**	**75%**	24%	**46%**
Trump	37%	18%	**73%**	44%
Biden	**55%**	**79%**	22%	**39%**
Trump	36%	17%	**70%**	**45%**
Sanders	**56%**	**79%**	17%	**45%**
Trump	38%	17%	**77%**	**47%**
Klobuchar	**53%**	**74%**	20%	**42%**
Trump	37%	18%	**74%**	**43%**
Warren	**53%**	**74%**	18%	**41%**
Trump	39%	19%	**78%**	**47%**
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"While New Yorkers appear poised to give the Democrats their ninth consecutive presidential nod, they also overwhelmingly believe Trump is poised to win re-election to a second term," Greenberg said. "More than three-quarters of Republicans, nearly three-quarters of independents and nearly half of Democrats think Trump will win re-election in November. A majority of voters from every demographic group think Trump will win, with the exception of Democrats – only a plurality – and self-described liberals, who say he will <u>not</u> win 47-42 percent."

Presidential Candidate Favorability Ratings in New York												
	NYS Registered Voters				Democrats			Republicans			Independents		
	Fav	Unfav	DK/NO	Net	Fav	Unfav	Net	Fav	Unfav	Net	Fav	Unfav	Net
Amy Klobuchar	**40%**	28%	32%	+12	50%	24%	+26	25%	37%	-12	32%	30%	+2
Pete Buttigieg	**41%**	35%	24%	+6	47%	33%	+14	28%	45%	-17	41%	33%	+8
Joe Biden	45%	**47%**	7%	-2	59%	34%	+25	26%	70%	-44	35%	57%	-22
Elizabeth Warren	42%	**46%**	12%	-4	58%	31%	+27	15%	73%	-58	33%	54%	-21
Mike Bloomberg	42%	**48%**	9%	-6	50%	41%	+9	32%	62%	-30	35%	54%	-19
Bernie Sanders	44%	**52%**	4%	-8	58%	38%	+20	15%	82%	-67	42%	55%	-13
Donald Trump	36%	**61%**	3%	-25	18%	81%	-63	72%	24%	+48	40%	55%	-15
Siena College Poll – February 24, 2020												

All Dems Give Sanders Small Lead over Bloomberg in Primary; Say Bloomberg Has Best Chance to Win

"With nine weeks – and Democrats in a majority of states casting their ballots – before New York Democrats weigh in on their party's presidential nominee, Sanders has a narrow four-point lead over Bloomberg, 25-21 percent, with Biden, Warren, Buttigieg and Klobuchar all between nine and 13 percent support," Greenberg said. "Bloomberg leads in New York City with Sanders second, while Sanders leads upstate and in the downstate suburbs, where Bloomberg finishes third in both. Bernie is trouncing with younger voters and Mike has a commanding lead with older voters. Men side with Bernie, while women lean toward Mike.

"Which Democrat has the best chance to win in November? Right now, one-third of Democrats say Bloomberg, followed by Sanders and Biden. Not surprisingly, Bloomberg has the best chance according to older voters, with whom he scores higher on favorability, and Sanders has the best chance according to younger voters, who overwhelmingly view him favorably," Greenberg said. "This is more of a snapshot of Democrats than pre-election poll since it is likely that South Carolina and Super Tuesday will significantly reduce the size of the field, and this poll did not look at likely primary voters.

Narrowly, Democrats Prefer Candidate They Agree with More over One with Best Chance to Win

"Democrats from New York City and Democratic men say they're likely to vote for a candidate they agree with more on the issues, as are 80 percent of voters under 35 years-old. Downstate suburban and upstate Democrats, as well as liberal and older Democrats are inclined to vote for the candidate they see as having the best chance to beat Trump," Greenberg said. "Black, white and women Democrats are all virtually evenly divided."

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Cuomo Favorability & Job Performance Ratings Slip to November Levels After Rising in January

Governor Andrew Cuomo has a negative 44-50 percent favorability rating, down from 49-45 percent in January, and matching his negative 44-49 percent rating in November. His job performance rating also dropped, with 36 percent giving Cuomo a positive job performance rating and 63 percent giving him a negative rating, down from 41-56 percent last month, barely ahead of 35-65 percent in November.

"Over the last year, Cuomo's ratings have been on a seesaw. Some months he's a little above breakeven; some months he's a little below. Since last month, Cuomo has taken a significant hit with Democrats, liberals, upstaters and younger voters," Greenberg said. "Interestingly, Cuomo's 44 percent favorability puts him a little below the Assembly and the Senate, which each has a 46 percent favorability rating."

Support for New Bail Law Continues to Erode; Majority Now Thinks New Bail Law is Bad for NY

Last year, New York passed a law eliminating monetary bail for people facing misdemeanor and non-violent felony charges. Do you think this law is good for New York or bad for New York? (In April 2019, question asked was whether the new law "will be" good or bad for NY.)											
	February 2020				January 2020				April 2019		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind
Good for NY	33%	49%	12%	23%	37%	53%	15%	29%	55%	64%	34%	60%
Bad for NY	59%	44%	85%	66%	49%	34%	78%	56%	38%	31%	55%	38%
Neither/Both/Don't know	7%	7%	4%	11%	10%	10%	6%	12%	7%	6%	11%	3%
Siena College Polls – February 24, 2020, January 21, 2020 & April 16, 2019											

"Support for the new bail law – which took effect in January after passage as part of the budget last year – continues to plummet. In April, New Yorkers thought the new law would be good for the state by 17 points. Last month, voters said the new law is bad for the state by a margin of 12 points. Today, that margin for thinking the law is bad for New York has bulged to 26 points," Greenberg said.

Odds & Ends

➢ Voters are now evenly divided, 48-48 percent, on the law allowing undocumented immigrants to get a New York driver's license. Democrats, black and Latino voters continue to strongly support it, as independents and white voters oppose it and Republicans strongly oppose the law.

➢ Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie remain largely unknown to voters. Among those voters who have an opinion, both have essentially breakeven favorability ratings.

➢ Voters' view on the direction of the state slipped as 41 percent now say the state is on the right track and 46 percent say it's headed in the wrong direction, down from 49-41 percent last month.

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Siena College Poll Trends – February 2020

Q. 1   Is New York State on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

DATE	RIGHT TRACK	WRONG DIRECTION	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2020	41	46	13
January 2020	49	41	10
November 2019	45	42	13
October 2019	46	44	10
September 2019	47	40	12
August 2019	45	44	11
June 2019	44	43	12
April 2019	42	46	13
March 2019	43	46	11
February 2019	44	45	11
HIGHEST EVER	**57 (1/13)**	**76 (10/31/10)**	**30 (1/07)**
LOWEST EVER	**14 (10/10)**	**26 (1/07)**	**7 (2/17, 5/13)**

Q. 2   How would you describe the fiscal condition of New York State right now? Would you describe it as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2020	2	26	35	31	6
September 2019	2	26	45	22	5
April 2019	4	23	37	30	6
HIGHEST EVER	**4 (4/19, 1/19)**	**29 (7/14)**	**49 (8/12)**	**67 (3/22/10)**	**7 (1/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**0 (many)**	**6 (3/22/10, etc.)**	**25 (3/22/10)**	**21 (12/16)**	**0 (4/11, etc.)**

Q. 3   Is the United States on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

DATE	RIGHT TRACK	WRONG DIRECTION	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2020	38	55	7
November 2019	32	58	10
October 2019	31	62	7
September 2019	33	59	8
August 2019	37	53	10
June 2019	33	60	7
April 2019	36	54	9
March 2019	34	57	9
February 2019	35	57	8
HIGHEST EVER	**62 (5/09)**	**74 (10/13, 8/11)**	**17 (9/08)**
LOWEST EVER	**19 (10/13, 10/08)**	**24 (12/09)**	**5 (1/13)**

Q. 4   Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2020	36	61	3
January 2020	31	64	5
November 2019	32	65	3
October 2019	30	67	3
September 2019	32	64	4
August 2019	35	62	3
June 2019	34	63	3
April 2019	38	59	3
March 2019	36	60	5
February 2019	35	59	6
HIGHEST EVER	**41 (12/16)**	**72 (8/16)**	**10 (10/13)**
LOWEST EVER	**24 (8/16)**	**53 (12/16)**	**2 (9/15)**

Q.5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Joe Biden?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2020	45	47	7
March 2016	50	30	10
August 2012	56	38	6
HIGHEST EVER	62 (10/27/08)	47 (2/20)	28 (9/08)
LOWEST EVER	45 (2/20)	26 (9/08)	6 (8/12)

Q. 6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Michael Bloomberg?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2020	42	48	9
January 2020	51	38	11
November 2019	47	39	14
February 2016	52	38	10
HIGHEST EVER	67 (3/08)	48 (2/20)	21 (9/08)
LOWEST EVER	42 (2/20)	16 (9/08)	7 (3/13)

Q. 9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Bernie Sanders?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2020	44	52	4
March 2016	52	39	9
September 2015	38	41	20
HIGHEST EVER	52 (3/16)	52 (2/20)	20 (9/15)
LOWEST EVER	38 (9/15)	35 (2/16)	4 (2/20)

Q. 21 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Cuomo?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2020	44	50	6
January 2020	49	45	6
November 2019	44	49	7
October 2019	49	47	4
September 2019	48	46	6
August 2019	43	50	7
June 2019	52	42	6
April 2019	47	48	5
March 2019	46	48	6
February 2019	43	50	7
HIGHEST EVER	77 (2/11)	50 (2/20, 8/19, 2/19)	24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07)
LOWEST EVER	43 (8/19, 2/19)	14 (8/09)	3 (10/16, 10/20/10)

Q. 22 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Assembly?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2020	46	36	18
January 2020	40	35	25
November 2019	45	34	20
October 2019	44	39	17
September 2019	42	35	23
August 2019	43	38	19
June 2019	47	36	17
April 2019	48	33	19
March 2019	44	35	21
February 2019	43	38	18
HIGHEST EVER	48 (4/19, 1/19)	61 (7/10)	25 (1/20)
LOWEST EVER	25 (7/10)	32 (1/19)	10 (5/15)

Q. 23 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2020	46	39	14
January 2020	43	38	19
November 2019	45	39	16
October 2019	47	35	17
September 2019	46	36	18
August 2019	45	40	16
June 2019	46	39	16
April 2019	46	39	16
March 2019	46	38	16
February 2019	43	41	17
HIGHEST EVER	**50 (2/17)**	**74 (7/09)**	**19 (1/20)**
LOWEST EVER	**20 (7/09)**	**35 (10/19, 5/17)**	**6 (7/09)**

Q. 24 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Carl Heastie?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2020	14	18	68
June 2019	10	17	73
March 2019	13	12	76
February 2019	13	14	73
HIGHEST EVER	**14 (2/20, 1/19)**	**20 (10/15)**	**78 (1/17, 9/15)**
LOWEST EVER	**8 (9/15)**	**11 (1/18)**	**68 (2/20)**

Q. 25 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrea Stewart-Cousins?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2020	16	16	68
June 2019	15	13	72
March 2019	14	13	73
February 2019	17	11	72
HIGHEST EVER	**20 (1/19)**	**16 (2/20)**	**79 (4/18)**
LOWEST EVER	**12 (4/18)**	**9 (4/18)**	**68 (2/20)**

Q. 26 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Chuck Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2020	54	38	9
January 2020	54	36	11
November 2019	51	40	10
October 2019	49	41	10
September 2019	48	39	13
August 2019	53	39	8
June 2019	54	40	6
April 2019	49	43	8
March 2019	51	41	8
February 2019	47	46	7
HIGHEST EVER	**70 (7/05)**	**46 (2/19)**	**17 (2/05)**
LOWEST EVER	**47 (2/19)**	**20 (2/05, 11/06)**	**4 (10/31/10)**

Q. 27 How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing as Governor? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2020	8	28	32	31	1
January 2020	10	31	29	27	3
November 2019	6	29	36	29	1
October	6	35	30	27	1
September 2019	7	31	34	25	2
August 2019	6	28	32	32	2
June 2019	7	31	34	27	1
April 2019	8	29	32	30	2
March 2019	7	31	32	29	1
February 2019	8	27	33	31	2
HIGHEST EVER	**17 (1/12)**	**47 (4/12, etc.)**	**40 (6/16, 7/15, 12/14)**	**32 (8/19)**	**28 (1/11)**
LOWEST EVER	**5 (9/16)**	**27 (2/19)**	**24 (1/11)**	**4 (2/11, 1/11)**	**0 (2/16, 5/15, 10/14)**

Q. 28   Last year, New York passed a law eliminating monetary bail for people facing misdemeanor and non-violent felony charges. Do you think this law is good for New York or bad for New York?

DATE	GOOD	BAD	NEITHER/BOTH/TOO EARLY DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2020	33	59	7
January 2020	37	49	13
HIGHEST EVER	**37 (1/20)**	**59 (2/20)**	**13 (1/20)**
LOWEST EVER	**33 (2/20)**	**49 (1/20)**	**7 (2/20)**

NOTE: April 2019 "will it be"   55   38   7

Q. 29   Last year, New York passed a law allowing undocumented immigrants to get a New York driver's license. Do you support or oppose that new law? ʌ

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2020	48	48	4
November 2019	46	50	3
October 2019	48	47	6
September 2019	45	50	5
August 2019	43	53	4
HIGHEST EVER	**48 (2/20, 10/19)**	**53 (8/19)**	**6 (10/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**43 (8/19)**	**47 (10/19)**	**3 (11/19)**

Q. 30   Do you support or oppose legalizing the recreational use of marijuana?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2020	55	40	5
January 2020	58	38	4
November 2019	54	40	6
October 2019	54	41	6
September 2019	52	43	5
June 2019	55	40	5
April 2019	52	42	6
March 2019	53	43	4
February 2019	52	42	7
HIGHEST EVER	**58 (1/20)**	**44 (4/18)**	**7 (2/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**52 (9/19, 4/19, 2/19, 4/18)**	**38 (1/20)**	**3 (1/19)**

Poll Trend Notes: * All surveys are of registered voters except for the following polls: June thru November 2018, November 2017, September thru November 2016, July thru October 2014, August/October 2012, October 2010, September/October 2008, and September/October 2006, which are polls of likely voters.
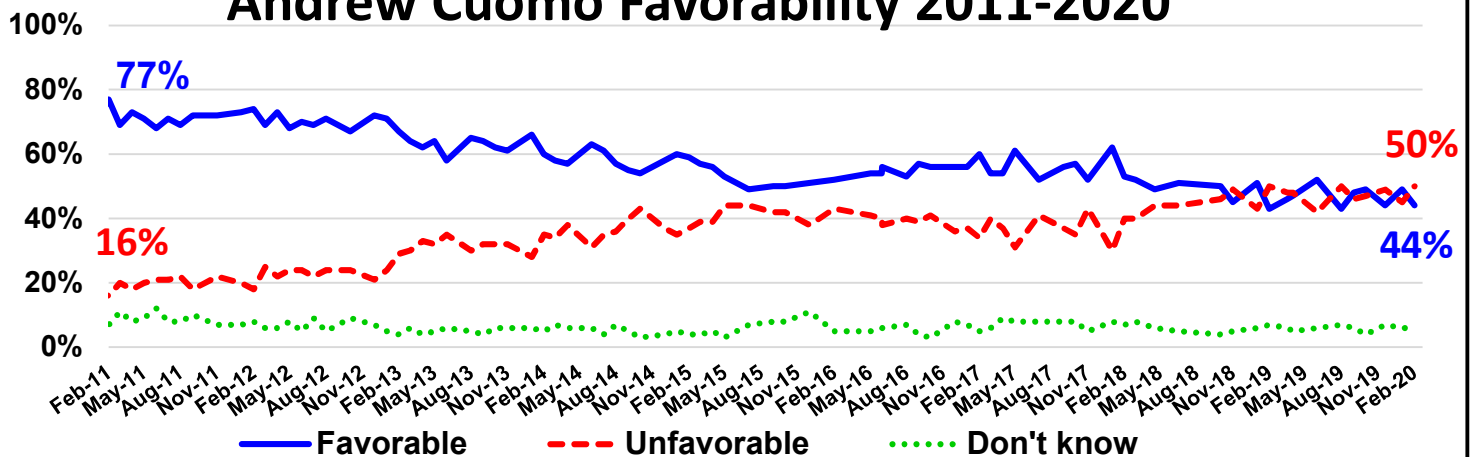
Trends reflect questions asked at least twice since the first Siena College Poll in February 2005.

Results listed here include all times questions have been asked since February 2019.

"Highest Ever" and "Lowest Ever" are provided at the bottom of each question.

ʌ Inconsequential wording change.

Andrew Cuomo Favorability 2011-2020