Siena Poll:

Hochul – With Her Best Ever Favorability Rating, 49-40% – Continues to Hold Commanding Leads Over Blakeman (54-28%) & Among Dems, Delgado (64-11%)

Overwhelming Support For Several Hochul SOS/Budget Proposals, Including: Allowing NYers to Bring Civil Actions vs. Federal Officers They Claim Violated Their Civil Rights; Ensuring that Immigration Enforcement is Limited in Sensitive Locations; Increasing Childcare Funding by $1.7B; Eliminating State Income Tax on Tips

New Yorkers Do Not Like ICE: 67% View ICE Unfavorably; 61% Oppose the Way ICE Is Working to Arrest People; 67% Say ICE Tactics Have Gone Too Far; 59% Oppose Additional ICE Agents Being Sent to NYC

Trump Job Approval Break Even on Securing Border with Mexico; Underwater on His Handling of Deportations, Making Prices More Affordable, Making Americans Proud to Be Americans

Loudonville, NY. Governor Kathy Hochul continues to hold a commanding lead over Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, 54-28%, little changed from 50-25% in December, according to a new Siena Poll of New York State registered voters released today. Among registered Democrats, Hochul has an overwhelming 64-11% lead over Lt. Governor Antonio Delgado, up from 56-13% in December. Hochul's 49-40% favorability rating, up from 43-41% in December, is the first time Hochul has hit 49% favorable.

Six Hochul proposals each has between 56-68% support, including four that have bipartisan support: eliminating state income tax on the first $25,000 earned in tips (68-15%), ensuring immigration enforcement targeting people whose only crime is being in the country illegally cannot occur in sensitive locations (schools, hospitals, places of worship) unless there is a judicial warrant (67-21%), increasing childcare funding by $1.7 billion (66-18%), and providing $30 million in payments to farmers to offset what Hochul calls rising costs due to tariffs (59-17%).

"As we start the second month of this much watched mid-term election year, Hochul has a commanding lead among registered voters over both Delgado, among Democrats, and Blakeman, with all voters," Siena pollster Steven Greenberg said. "While a 49-40% favorability rating is not generally seen as something to gloat about, for Hochul it is a net seven point gain from December, but more noteworthy is the fact that it is the first time in four and a half years as governor that Hochul has had 49% of voters view her favorably in a Siena poll. Even though independents continue to view her unfavorably as do an overwhelming majority of Republicans, Democrats view Hochul favorably 69-20%, up from 62-25%, and the best she's been with Democrats in three years."

Hochul's job approval rating is 54-41%, from 52-39% in December. Blakeman has an 18-20% favorability rating, from 13-17% in December. Delgado's favorability rating is 21-18%, compared to 17-15% in December.

"Ten months from election day, Blakeman – largely unknown to three in five New York voters – has his work cut out for him. Hochul's 79-8% lead among Democrats is significantly better than Blakeman's 69-15% lead with Republicans, and she leads 41-34% with independents, as well as in every region of the state," Greenberg said. "Against Delgado, among Democrats, Hochul has at least 60% support in every region of the state, as well as the support of 68% of self-described liberals and 65% of moderates."

Several Hochul Proposals Are Widely Supported; Four Have Bipartisan Support

Support for Hochul's 2026 State of the State & Budget Proposals					
In both her State of the State address and her proposed budget, Governor Hochul laid out a series of proposals. I'm going to ask you about several of those proposals and I'd like you to tell me whether you support or oppose each.					
		Total	**Dems**	**Reps**	**Ind**
Eliminating state income taxes on the first $25,000 earned in tips	Support	**68%**	**70%**	**66%**	**66%**
	Oppose	15%	15%	13%	14%
	In the middle	9%	8%	16%	7%
Ensuring immigration enforcement targeting people whose only crime is being in country illegally cannot occur in sensitive locations unless there is a judicial warrant	Support	**67%**	**76%**	**58%**	**59%**
	Oppose	21%	16%	27%	26%
	In the middle	8%	6%	13%	10%
Increasing funding for childcare by $1.7 billion for a total of $4.5 billion in state funding for childcare and pre-K programs	Support	**66%**	**78%**	**44%**	**62%**
	Oppose	18%	8%	34%	22%
	In the middle	13%	11%	17%	15%
Allowing New Yorkers to bring state-level legal action against federal officers who they claim have violated their constitutional rights	Support	**65%**	**83%**	41%	**54%**
	Oppose	22%	10%	**44%**	23%
	In the middle	8%	5%	8%	12%
Providing $30 million in direct payments to New York farmers to offset what Hochul calls rising costs due to tariffs	Support	**59%**	**65%**	**46%**	**59%**
	Oppose	17%	15%	24%	15%
	In the middle	18%	14%	22%	22%
Requiring the New York State Department of Health to develop New York's own immunization requirements for school eligibility and insurance coverage	Support	**56%**	**69%**	38%	**45%**
	Oppose	25%	14%	**45%**	28%
	In the middle	14%	12%	11%	22%
Siena Poll: February 3, 2026					

"Six Hochul proposals enjoy strong support from voters – overwhelming support from Democrats, strong support from independents, and two have majority Republican support, two have plurality Republican support and two are opposed by a plurality of Republicans," Greenberg said. "Certainly, focusing on these issues in an election year will not hurt Hochul with voters, nor will it hurt legislators also seeking reelection."

New Yorkers Don't Like ICE and Don't Want to See ICE Come Here

ICE's favorability rating with voters is 28-67%. Voters support deporting immigrants illegally living in the U.S., 43-35%, however, they oppose the way ICE is working to arrest people, 61-29%. Two-thirds think ICE's tactics have gone too far, and they oppose the federal government sending additional ICE agents to New York 59-33%.

"When it comes to ICE, voters quickly divide into partisan camps, with independents coming closer to the views of Democrats," Greenberg said. "Republicans view ICE favorably, support the way they are working and nearly three-quarters want additional ICE agents sent to New York City. Democrats and independents say exactly the opposite: unfavorable to ICE, don't like the way they work, and don't want more of them in the Big Apple."

Trump Favorability & Job Approval Ratings Remain Decidedly Underwater

Trump has a 33-63% favorability rating, from 32-62% in December. His overall job approval rating is 34-63%, virtually unchanged from 34-62% in December. Currently, 54%, the highest it's ever been, say they strongly disapprove of the job Trump is doing as President.

"The more things change, the more Trump's favorability and job approval ratings stay the same, that is to say seriously underwater," Greenberg said. "In February 2014, when Trump's name was in discussion to run for governor of New York, his favorability rating was 31-62%. In February 2018, after one year as President, his favorability rating was 33-62%. In February 2022, after being out of office for a year, his favorability rating was 35-59%. Today, it's 33-63%. New York voters are nothing if not consistent when it comes to their feelings about Donald Trump.

"At the same time, it's worth noting that in 2016 Trump lost New York to Hillary Clinton by 22 points. He lost New York to Joe Biden in 2020 by 23 points," Greenberg said. "Yet, he 'only' lost New York by 13 points against Kamala Harris in 2024."

Voters Evenly Divided on Approving Trump's Job Securing Mexican Border; Negative on Everything Else

"Although 62% of Democrats disapprove of Trump's handling of securing our border with Mexico, 83% of Republicans and a plurality of independents, 49%, approve, giving Trump his best individual job approval rating, 45-44%," Greenberg said.

"Republicans 'lowest' support for Trump is on making prices more affordable, where they approve 64-22%. Trump gets his worst approval rating from Democrats (14-78%) and independents (31-56%) on his handling of the deportation of people illegally in the United States," Greenberg said.

Trump Administration: Second Term, Year One					
Tell me whether you approve or disapprove of Trump's handling of each of these issues in the 1st year of his 2nd term:					
		Total	**Dems**	**Reps**	**Ind**
Securing America´s border with Mexico	Approve	**45%**	25%	**83%**	**49%**
	Disapprove	44%	**62%**	11%	39%
	In the middle	7%	9%	3%	8%
Ending wars around the world	Approve	38%	19%	**74%**	**43%**
	Disapprove	**49%**	68%	17%	40%
	In the middle	8%	9%	4%	11%
Making prices more affordable for average Americans	Approve	34%	17%	**64%**	39%
	Disapprove	**56%**	77%	22%	**44%**
	In the middle	8%	4%	11%	12%
Making Americans proud to be Americans	Approve	34%	15%	**73%**	33%
	Disapprove	**56%**	79%	14%	**51%**
	In the middle	6%	3%	5%	10%
Handling the deportation of people in the US illegally	Approve	33%	14%	**77%**	31%
	Disapprove	**58%**	78%	16%	**56%**
	In the middle	7%	7%	3%	10%
Enhancing America´s standing in the world	Approve	32%	15%	**70%**	30%
	Disapprove	**55%**	76%	18%	**50%**
	In the middle	7%	6%	9%	8%
Siena Poll: February 3, 2026					

Odds & Ends

➢ Twenty-three percent of voters say Hochul Administration actions over the last year have improved their family's financial condition, 33% say they have worsened it, and a small plurality, 35%, say they have not affected their finances. When asked the same question about Trump Administration actions over the last year, 23% say they improved their family's financial condition, compared to 56% who say they worsened it, and 19% who said they had no effect. Interestingly, while 61% of Republicans say Hochul actions worsened their family finances over the last year, 59% say Trump actions improved them.

➢ New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani has 48-32% favorability rating, from 46-31% in December. The 48% favorable is the highest it's ever been for Mamdani. He is viewed favorably by 64% of Democrats, unfavorably by 68% of Republicans, and favorably, 43-31%, by independents.

➢ New Yorkers continue to favor Democrats on the generic congressional ballot, currently 56-29%, up slightly from 55-31% in December. While 84% of Democrats support a Democrat for Congress, and 77% of Republicans support a Republican, independent voters favor the Democrats 46-29%, up a little from 40-28% in December.

➢ Still digging out from his all-time low favorability rating in November, Senator Chuck Schumer now has a 39-46% favorability rating, up a little from 36-49% in December, which was up from 32-55% in November.

➢ Also looking to win reelection this year, Attorney General Letitia James has a 44-30% favorability rating, little changed from 45-31% in December.

➢ The other statewide official with a reelection race this year is Comptroller Tom DiNapoli who has 21-13% favorability rating. Astonishingly, despite winning election to his current office four times, when asked about DiNapoli, two-thirds of voters have either never heard of him or haven't heard enough to form an opinion about him.

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Siena Poll Trends – January 2026

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
January 2026	43	45	12
December 2025	44	41	14
November 2025	39	45	16
September 2025	42	41	17
August 2025	41	45	15
June 2025	37	50	13
May 2025	43	46	11
April 2025	41	45	14
March 2025	38	46	16
February 2025	36	50	14
HIGHEST EVER	**65 (4/20)**	**76 (10/31/10)**	**30 (1/07)**
LOWEST EVER	**14 (10/10)**	**26 (1/07)**	**7 (4/20, 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
January 2025	5	22	36	30	7
November 2025	4	23	33	33	6
August 2025	5	20	34	36	5
April 2025	10	20	33	32	4
HIGHEST EVER	**10 (4/25)**	**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
January 2026	30	63	7
December 2025	31	63	6
November 2025	30	62	8
September 2025	33	59	8
August 2025	33	59	8
June 2025	35	58	8
May 2025	37	58	5
April 2025	37	56	8
March 2025	36	54	10
February 2025	37	55	8
HIGHEST EVER	**62 (5/09)**	**74 (10/13, 8/11)**	**17 (9/08)**
LOWEST EVER	**19 (8/22, 10/13, 10/08)**	**24 (12/09)**	**5 (1/13)**

Q. 4   Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kathy Hochul?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2026	49	40	11
December 2025	43	41	16
November 2025	43	45	12
September 2025	45	42	14
August 2025	42	44	14
June 2025	42	47	11
May 2025	44	46	10
April 2025	44	43	13
March 2025	40	50	10
February 2025	39	47	14
HIGHEST EVER	**49 (1/26)**	**54 (9/24)**	**69 (4/21)**
LOWEST EVER	**18 (4/21)**	**13 (4/21)**	**10 (5/25, 3/25, 1/23)**

Q. 5   Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Bruce Blakeman?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2026	18	20	62
December 2025	13	17	70
June 2025	16	17	67
May 2025	17	16	66
April 2025	18	15	67
March 2025	12	14	74
HIGHEST EVER	**18 (1/26, 4/25)**	**20 (1/26)**	90 (12/09)
LOWEST EVER	4 (12/09)	6 (5/10, 4/10, 2/09)	**62 (1/26)**

Q. 6   Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2026	33	63	4
December 2025	32	62	6
November 2025	35	61	3
September 2025	34	61	5
August 2025	37	56	7
June 2025	37	60	3
May 2025	38	59	3
April 2025	40	55	5
March 2025	39	57	4
February 2025	41	56	4
HIGHEST EVER	**41 (2/25, 12/16)**	**72 (8/16)**	10 (10/13)
LOWEST EVER	24 (8/16)	53 (12/16)	2 (8/24, 2/23, 4/20, 9/15)

Q. 7   Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Chuck Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2026	39	46	15
December 2025	36	49	15
November 2025	32	55	13
September 2025	42	45	13
August 2025	38	50	13
June 2025	41	47	12
May 2025	42	48	10
April 2025	39	49	12
February 2025	45	41	14
HIGHEST EVER	**70 (7/05)**	**55 (11/25)**	17 (2/05)
LOWEST EVER	32 (11/25)	20 (2/05, 11/06)	4 (10/31/10)

Q. 8   Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Zohran Mamdani?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2026	48	32	20
December 2025	46	31	23
November 2025	40	40	20
September 2025	30	38	32
August 2025	28	37	34
HIGHEST EVER	**48 (1/26)**	40 (11/25)	34 (8/25)
LOWEST EVER	28 (8/25)	31 (12/25)	**20 (1/26, 11/25)**

Q. 9   Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Antonio Delgado?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2026	21	18	61
December 2025	17	15	68
November 2025	20	20	61
August 2025	21	18	61
June 2025	24	18	58
May 2025	25	18	58
April 2025	25	19	56
March 2025	19	16	65
HIGHEST EVER	**29 (6/22)**	**20 (11/25)**	68 (12/25, 12/24)
LOWEST EVER	17 (12/25, 12/24, 1/24)	15 (12/25, 12/24, 12/22)	55 (6/22)

Q. 10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Tom DiNapoli?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2026	21	13	66
November 2025	19	15	65
February 2025	19	17	63
HIGHEST EVER	**35 (10/14)**	**36 (10/31/10)**	**80 (6/07)**
LOWEST EVER	**7 (6/07, 5/07)**	**9 (10/18)**	**37 (10/31/10)**

Q. 11 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Letitia James?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2026	44	30	26
December 2025	45	31	24
November 2025	43	32	25
February 2025	40	33	27
HIGHEST EVER	**45 (12/25, 1/24, 9/22)**	**33 (2/25, 5/24, 10/22)**	**70 (6/18)**
LOWEST EVER	**20 (6/18)**	**10 (10/18, 6/18)**	**24 (12/25, 1/24)**

Q. 12 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Hakeem Jeffries?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2026	36	32	32
December 2025	35	33	32
November 2025	31	37	32
September 2025	34	31	35
February 2025	38	27	36
HIGHEST EVER	**39 (12/24)**	**37 (11/25)**	**51 (12/22)**
LOWEST EVER	**31 (11/25)**	**17 (12/22)**	**32 (1/26, 12/25, 11/25)**

Q. 13 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kirsten Gillibrand?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2026	41	29	30
August 2025	36	38	27
October 2024*	44	26	30
HIGHEST EVER	**61 (12/12)**	**38 (8/25)**	**56 (1/09)**
LOWEST EVER	**26 (3/09)**	**14 (1/09)**	**14 (4/20, 10/31/10)**

Q. 14 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Assembly?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2026	41	32	27
June 2025	44	35	22
May 2025	41	35	23
April 2025	43	35	22
February 2025	37	36	27
HIGHEST EVER	**57 (4/20)**	**61 (7/10)**	**28 (4/21)**
LOWEST EVER	**25 (7/10)**	**25 (3/21)**	**10 (5/15)**

Q. 15 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2026	43	37	20
June 2025	45	37	17
May 2025	42	37	21
April 2025	45	37	18
February 2025	41	37	22
HIGHEST EVER	**58 (4/20)**	**74 (7/09)**	**23 (6/24)**
LOWEST EVER	**20 (7/09)**	**28 (3/21)**	**6 (7/09)**

Q. 17 I know it's a long way off, but if Kathy Hochul runs for re-election as Governor this year, as things stand now, would you vote to re-elect Hochul, or would you prefer someone else? ⌃

DATE	RE-ELECT	SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2026	42	51	8
December 2025	37	50	13
November 2025	42	48	10
September 2025	37	51	12
August 2025	35	53	12
June 2025	37	55	8
May 2025	36	55	10
April 2025	39	48	13
March 2025	34	56	10
February 2025	31	57	12
HIGHEST EVER	**42 (1/26, 11/25)**	57 (2/25, 12/24)	13 (12/25, 4/25)
LOWEST EVER	31 (2/25)	48 (11/25, 4/25)	8 (1/26, 6/25)

Q. 18 **(DEMS ONLY)** If the 2026 Democratic primary for Governor was held today, and the candidates were Kathy Hochul and Antonio Delgado, would you vote for Delgado, Hochul, or someone else? ⌃ (Names of candidates were rotated.)

DATE	KATHY HOCHUL	ANTONIO DELGADO	OTHER	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
January 2026	64	11	2	23
December 2025	56	13	2	29
November 2025	56	16	3	25
August 2025	50	15	4	31
June 2025	49	12	14+	26
May 2025	46	12	14+	28
April 2025	44	12	14+	30
March 2025	46	11	14+	28
HIGHEST EVER	**64 (1/26)**	16 (11/25)	14 (4/25)	31 (8/25)
LOWEST EVER	44 (4/25)	**11 (1/26, 3/25)**	**2 (1/26, 12/25)**	**23 (1/26)**

+**Included Ritchie Torres**

Q. 19 If the general election for Governor was held today, and the candidates were Democrat Kathy Hochul and Republican Bruce Blakeman, would you vote for Blakeman, Hochul, or someone else? (Names of candidates were rotated.)

DATE	HOCHUL	BLAKEMAN	OTHER/ NO VOTE	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
January 2026	54	28	1	17
December 2025	50	25	4	21
HIGHEST EVER	**54 (1/26)**	**28 (1/26)**	4 (12/25)	21 (12/25)
LOWEST EVER	50 (12/25)	25 (12/25)	**1 (1/26)**	**17 (1/26)**

Q. 20 If the 2026 general election for your representative in Congress was held today, would you vote for the Democrat or the Republican? (Names of parties were rotated.)

DATE	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	OTHER/ NOT VOTE	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
January 2026	56	29	4	10
December 2025	55	31	5	9
November 2025	55	32	1	12
HIGHEST EVER	**56 (1/26)**	32 (11/25)	5 (12/25)	12 (11/25)
LOWEST EVER	55 (12/25, 11/25)	**29 (1/26)**	1 (11/25)	9 (12/25)

Q. 21 Do you approve or disapprove of the job that Kathy Hochul is doing as governor? FOLLOW UP: Is that strongly or somewhat?

DATE	STRONGLY APPROVE	SOMEWHAT APPROVE	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
January 2026	17	37	15	26	5
December 2025	16	36	15	24	8
November 2025	15	37	16	27	5
September 2025	16	38	16	24	7
August 2025	15	38	15	27	5
June 2025	17	33	15	30	5
May 2025	15	35	17	29	3
April 2025	16	32	18	27	7
March 2025	15	31	16	32	6
February 2025	14	30	16	32	8
HIGHEST EVER	24 (9/22)	38 (9/25, 8/25)	20 (12/24, 2/24)	40 (9/24)	11 (9/23)
LOWEST EVER	12 (9/24)	27 (10/24, 9/24)	7 (10/22)	24 (12/25, 9/25)	3 (5/25)

Q. 33 When it comes to any efforts the Trump Administration will take to deport migrants living illegally in New York, do you think New York State should support or oppose the federal government's efforts to deport migrants?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	IN THE MIDDLE/ DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2026	36	47	17
November 2025	42	48	11
May 2025	45	38	17
February 2025	48	31	20
December 2024	54	35	11
HIGHEST EVER	54 (12/24)	48 (11/25)	20 (2/25)
LOWEST EVER	36 (1/26)	31 (2/25)	11 (11/25, 12/24)

Q. 34 Do you approve or disapprove of the job that Donald Trump is doing as President? FOLLOW UP: Is that strongly or somewhat?

DATE	STRONGLY APPROVE	SOMEWHAT APPROVE	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
January 2026	22	12	9	54	3
December 2025	19	15	10	52	3
November 2025	21	16	10	51	2
September 2025	22	15	10	52	1
August 2025	23	18	9	49	2
June 2025	25	14	11	48	2
May 20225	24	16	8	49	2
April 2025	25	17	8	48	2
March 2025	27	15	7	48	3
February 2025	31	15	7	44	3
HIGHEST EVER	31 (2/25)	18 (8/25)	11 (6/25)	54 (1/26)	3 (1/26, 12/25, 2/25)
LOWEST EVER	19 (12/25)	12 (1/26)	7 (2/25)	44 (2/25)	1 (9/25)