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Siena Poll:

**Hochul Favorability & Approval Ratings Edge Up, As Does Her
General Election Lead over Blakeman, Now 52-32%, from 49-33%**

**More Than Half of Voters Say Cost of Living Is the Top Issue Facing New Yorkers;
More Than Three-Quarters Name it as One of Top Two Issues; About One-Third
Say That Either Affordable Housing or Crime Is One of Their Top Two Issues**

***Pluralities of Ds, Rs & Is Say Proposed Redistricting Constitutional Amendment is
Bad for New York; Large Majorities Say Utility Rebate Checks, Allowing NYers to Sue
Govt. Officials Who Violate Constitution & Ensuring Every Child in NY Has a Right to
Public Education, Regardless of Immigration Status, Will All Be Good for New York***

***Voters Give Positive Job Approval to Trump for Securing Mexican Border; Negative Approvals
for: Ending Wars, Making Prices More Affordable & Making Americans Proud to Be Americans***

Loudonville, NY. Governor Kathy Hochul has a 43-44% favorability rating, up a little from 41-46% in April, and her job approval rating is 53-42%, up from 48-44% in April. Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman also saw his favorability improve to 25-21%, from 17-19% in April. In the head-to-head matchup, Hochul increased her lead to 20 points, 52-32%, from 16 points, 49-33%, in April, according to a new Siena Poll of New York State registered voters released today.

The cost of living was identified as the most important issue facing New Yorkers by 53% of voters, and one of the two most important by 77%. Affordable housing finished second (13% top issue; 37% top two issue), followed by crime (11%; 31%). Immigration, Iran and the environment were each identified as the top issue by fewer than 10% of voters, and a top two issue by fewer than one-quarter. Voters say the proposed Constitutional amendment to allow for both mid-decade redistricting and partisan map drawing is bad for New York, 44-21%.

“Governor Hochul now has a break-even favorability rating, and a majority of voters approve of the job she’s doing as governor. Hochul gained a little ground against Blakeman, who despite having his best ever favorability rating, still has a majority of voters not knowing him or not knowing enough about him to have an opinion. Her lead is now 20 points, up from 16 points in April,” Siena pollster Steven Greenberg said.

“While 78% of Democrats favor Hochul and 79% of Republicans support Blakeman, independents now lean toward Hochul by five points, after tilting toward Blakeman by two points in April. She has also widened her lead in the downstate suburbs from four points in April to 11 points, 49-38%, today,” Greenberg said. “Hochul has a better than three-to-one lead in New York City, and she and Blakeman are virtually tied upstate.”

Voters’ Priorities are Clear: Cost of Living, Cost of Living, Cost of Living

“A clear majority of voters think the cost of living is the most important issue they are facing and an overwhelming majority, 77%, say it is one of the two most important issues for New Yorkers,” Greenberg said.

“A majority or large plurality of Democrats, Republicans, independents, upstaters and downstaters, men and women, young and old, Black, Latino or white all say that cost of living is the most important issue. At least 72% of each of those groups of voters say cost of living is one of the two most important issues.

“While affordable housing and crime are the second and third most important issues – they are also the next two for most demographic groups, although the order varies – they are a distant second and third. Slightly fewer than one-third of New Yorkers think crime is one of the two most important issues – only 11% say it’s the top issue – a far cry from the banner headline issue it was just a few years ago,” Greenberg said.

Plurality of Voters Say Redistricting Amendment is Bad for NY; Several Measures Seen as Good for NY

Will These Measures Be Good for New York or Bad for New York?					
		Total	Dems	Reps	Ind
Allowing any New Yorker to sue federal, state or local govt. officials who violate the US Constitution	Good for NY	71%	81%	55%	66%
	Bad for NY	11%	6%	19%	11%
Ensuring that every child in NY has a right to a public education, regardless of immigration status	Good for NY	69%	86%	42%	65%
	Bad for NY	19%	6%	41%	24%
Budgeting \$1B to provide utility rate rebate check from the state between \$100-\$200 for every household earning under \$300,000	Good for NY	67%	76%	54%	63%
	Bad for NY	16%	11%	28%	16%
Prohibiting local, state or federal law enforcement officers from wearing a mask while interacting with the public	Good for NY	53%	68%	32%	44%
	Bad for NY	28%	18%	48%	28%
Increasing property tax for people who live outside NYC but own a second home valued at \$5M or more in NYC	Good for NY	53%	70%	34%	43%
	Bad for NY	29%	16%	47%	34%
A one-year moratorium on new permits for large data centers in New York	Good for NY	46%	53%	40%	40%
	Bad for NY	21%	16%	27%	24%
A proposed Constitutional amendment – which could be on the ballot in November 2027 – to allow the Legislature and Governor to both redraw Congressional districts in the middle of a decade, and to draw new lines that could benefit one party or another	Good for NY	21%	26%	17%	14%
	Bad for NY	44%	38%	54%	47%

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“From suing government officials who violate the Constitution, to ensuring every child in New York has a right to a public education, to utility rebates for consumers, and a moratorium on new data centers, voters think several measures passed by the Legislature and Governor at the end of session will be good for New York,” Greenberg said. “A few of these measures enjoy bipartisan support, which is always nice to see in these hyper-partisan times.

“When it comes to the proposed Constitutional amendment to allow mid-decade and partisan redistricting, there is partisan agreement in opposition to the amendment, which received first passage by the Legislature earlier this month. A majority of Republicans and pluralities of Democrats and independents say the proposed amendment is bad for New York,” Greenberg said. “While these results will make Republican leaders happy, it shows that Democratic leaders have a lot of work to do between now and Election Day 2027 if they want to see this amendment approved by voters.”

Trump Favorability & Job Approval Ratings Remain at 2nd Term Lows; Majorities Disapprove His Handling of Wars, Prices, Making Us Proud; Plurality Approve His Securing Mexican Border

President Donald Trump has a 32-63% favorability rating, virtually unchanged from 33-64% in April. His overall job approval rating is 34-65%, virtually unchanged from 34-64% in April.

“In April, Trump’s favorability and job approval ratings hit second term lows. In the two months since, they’ve barely moved a point,” Greenberg said. “While Democrats continue to give Trump overwhelmingly negative ratings, and independents

Do You Approve or Disapprove of Trump’s Handling of...					
		Total	Dems	Reps	Ind
Overall Job Approval Rating	Approve	34%	15%	78%	29%
	Disapprove	65%	85%	21%	68%
Securing America’s border with Mexico	Approve	48%	29%	86%	48%
	Disapprove	40%	59%	7%	36%
Making Americans proud to be Americans	Approve	37%	19%	77%	34%
	Disapprove	50%	72%	13%	45%
Making prices more affordable for average Americans	Approve	36%	22%	67%	36%
	Disapprove	54%	72%	21%	54%
Ending wars around the world	Approve	34%	17%	68%	35%
	Disapprove	55%	73%	22%	52%
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soured a little further on Trump, about three-quarters of Republicans have a favorable view of Trump and more than three-quarters approve of the overall job he is doing.

“Republicans overwhelmingly approve of the job Trump is doing in securing the border with Mexico, as do a plurality of independents, and even 29% of Democrats, giving Trump the only issue for which a plurality of voters approves,” Greenberg said. “Democrats and independents disapprove of his handling of wars, prices and pride in America, while at least two-thirds of Republicans approve of his handling of each of those.”

Odds & Ends

- Voters seem pleased with the Legislature as it concluded its 2026 session. The Assembly’s favorability rating is now 42-31%, up from 33-36% in April. Similarly, the State Senate’s favorability rating is 42-34%, up from 35-39% in April.
- For the first time in 2026, more voters think the state is on the right track, 44%, rather than headed in the wrong direction, 41%. In April, it was 38-48%. Voters’ view on the direction of the country did not change. It is currently 28-63%, little changed from 29-65% in April.
- NYC Mayor Zohran Mamdani also saw an improvement in his favorability rating. It is now 45-34%, up from 43-40% in April. In New York City, his favorability rating is 58-26%, up from 56-34%.
- The Democrats’ lead on the generic congressional ballot is little changed and stands at 52-32%, from 52-33% in April.

Methodology

This Siena University Poll was conducted June 17-23, 2026, among 1,120 New York State Registered Voters. Of the 1,120 respondents, 456 were contacted through a dual frame (landline and cell phone) mode (206 completed via text to web) and 458 respondents were drawn from a proprietary online panel (Cint). Telephone calls were conducted in English and respondent sampling was initiated by asking for the youngest person in the household. Telephone sampling was conducted via a stratified dual frame probability sample of landline and cell phone telephone numbers weighted to reflect known population patterns. The landline telephone sample and the cell phone sample were obtained from Marketing Systems Group (MSG). Interviews conducted online are excluded from the sample and final analysis if they fail any data quality attention check question. Duplicate responses are identified by their response ID and removed from the sample. Three questions were asked of online respondents, including a honey-pot question to catch bots and two questions that ask respondents to follow explicit directions. The proprietary panel also incorporates measures that safeguard against automated bot attacks, deduplication issues, fraudulent VPN usage, and suspicious IP addresses. Coding of open-ended responses was done by a single human coder. Data from collection modes was weighted to balance sample demographics to match estimates for New York State's population using data from the Census Bureau's 2023 U.S. American Community Survey (ACS), on age, region, race/ethnicity, education, and gender to ensure representativeness. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of party by region registration using data from the New York State Board of Elections. **It has an overall margin of error of +/- 3.6 percentage points including the design effects resulting from weighting.** Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other public opinion poll. The Siena Research Institute (SRI) powered by ReconMR is directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D.. SRI conducts political, economic, social, and cultural research primarily in NYS. SRI, an independent, non-partisan research institute, subscribes to the American Association of Public Opinion Research Code of Professional Ethics and Practices. For more information, call Steve Greenberg at (518) 469-9858. For survey crosstabs: www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY.



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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
June 2026	44	41	15
April 2026	38	48	14
March 2026	37	48	15
February 2026	42	46	12
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
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 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
June 2026	28	63	8
April 2026	29	65	7
March 2026	30	62	8
February 2026	31	62	7
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
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. 3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kathy Hochul?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2026	43	44	13
April 2026	41	46	13
March 2026	45	42	12
February 2026	46	42	12
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
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. 4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Bruce Blakeman?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2026	25	21	54
April 2026	17	19	64
March 2026	18	18	64
February 2026	21	18	61
January 2026	18	20	62
December 2025	13	17	70
June 2025	16	17	67
HIGHEST EVER	25 (6/26)	21 (6/26)	90 (12/09)
LOWEST EVER	4 (12/09)	6 (5/10, 4/10, 2/09)	54 (6/26)

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Q. 5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2026	32	63	5
April 2026	33	64	3
March 2026	35	62	3
February 2026	35	60	5
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
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. 6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Zohran Mamdani?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2026	45	34	21
April 2026	43	40	17
March 2026	44	37	19
February 2026	47	35	18
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 (4/26, 11/25)	34 (8/25)
LOWEST EVER	28 (8/25)	31 (12/25)	17 (4/26)

Q. 7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Assembly?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2026	42	31	27
April 2026	33	36	30
January 2026	41	32	27
June 2025	44	35	22
HIGHEST EVER	57 (4/20)	61 (7/10)	30 (4/26)
LOWEST EVER	25 (7/10)	25 (3/21)	10 (5/15)

Q. 8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2026	42	34	24
April 2026	35	39	26
January 2026	43	37	20
June 2025	45	37	17
HIGHEST EVER	58 (4/20)	74 (7/09)	26 (4/26)
LOWEST EVER	20 (7/09)	28 (3/21)	6 (7/09)

Q. 9 If the general election for Governor was held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were Democrat Kathy Hochul and Republican Bruce Blakeman? (Names of candidates were rotated.)

DATE	HOCHUL	BLAKEMAN	OTHER/ NO VOTE	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
June 2026	52	32	1	15
April 2026	49	33	3	16
March 2026	47	34	3	16
February 2026	51	31	3	15
January 2026	54	28	1	17
December 2025	50	25	4	21
HIGHEST EVER	54 (1/26)	34 (3/26)	4 (12/25)	21 (12/25)
LOWEST EVER	47 (3/26)	25 (12/25)	1 (6/26, 1/26)	15 (6/26, 2/26)

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Q. 10 If the 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
June 2026	52	32	5	10
April 2026	52	33	6	9
March 2026	52	35	4	9
February 2026	53	32	5	9
January 2026	56	29	4	10
December 2025	55	31	5	9
November 2025	55	32	1	12
HIGHEST EVER	56 (1/26)	35 (3/26)	6 (4/26)	12 (11/25)
LOWEST EVER	52 (6/26, 4/26, 3/26)	29 (1/26)	1 (11/25)	9 (4/26, 3/26, 2/26, 12/25)

Q. 11 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
June 2026	19	34	17	25	6
April 2026	15	33	15	29	9
March 2026	17	35	14	26	8
February 2026	19	34	13	28	7
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
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. 21 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
June 2026	19	15	10	55	1
April 2026	19	15	9	55	2
March 2026	23	14	8	53	2
February 2026	21	15	8	53	3
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 2025	24	16	8	49	2
HIGHEST EVER	31 (2/25)	18 (8/25)	11 (6/25)	55 (6/26, 4/26)	3 (2/26, 1/26, 12/25, 2/25)
LOWEST EVER	19 (Several)	12 (1/26)	7 (2/25)	44 (2/25)	1 (6/26, 9/25)

Poll Trend Notes: * All surveys are of registered voters except for the following polls: August thru October 2024, August thru October 2022, October 2020; 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 Poll in February 2005.

Results listed here include every time questions have been asked since June 2025.

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

^ Inconsequential wording change.