



# Marist College Institute for Public Opinion

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## Center for Governmental Research New York State Survey 2006

Geography	Counties	Sample	Interviews
New York State	62 Counties	Residents	850
New York City	Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island	Residents	350
Long Island	Nassau, Suffolk	Residents	350
Western New York	Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara,	Residents	350
Finger Lakes	Allegany, Chemung, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates	Residents	350
Central New York	Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Herkimer, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Tioga, Otsego	Residents	350
Lower Hudson Valley	Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester, Delaware	Residents	350
Upper Hudson Valley	Albany, Columbia, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, Washington	Residents	350

Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling from Marist College. We're talking to people in your community and I'd like to ask your opinion on a few issues..

(SEE HH RANDOMIZATION DOCUMENT.)

**AGE18.** Are you 18 years of age or older?

(CONTINUE.) ← 1 Yes

(ASK TO SPEAK WITH SOMEONE 18 OR OLDER; IF NO ONE 18 OR OLDER IS AT HOME SCHEDULE CALLBACK.) ← [ 2 No  
8 Unsure/Refused

**NYISSRT.** Overall, would you say New York State government is doing an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job in dealing with the issues you consider most important?

Excellent.....1  
Good.....2  
Only fair .....3  
Poor .....4

(DO NOT READ) ← [ UNSURE.....8  
REFUSED .....9

**NYISSOE.** Think for a moment about issues facing New York State that a governor could do something about...What would you say is the greatest issue facing New York State? (open ended) \_\_\_\_\_

**ROTATE QUALITY OF LIFE, EDUCATION, AND HEALTH CARE BLOCKS.**

**NYISSQL.** Do you think New York State government is doing an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job IN YOUR AREA (INSERT ITEM)

(ROTATE LIST. ENTER ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH.)

	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(DNR) Unsure
a. Protecting the environment	1	2	3	4	8
b. Keeping us safe	1	2	3	4	8
c. Keeping taxes low	1	2	3	4	8
d. Managing transportation and traffic	1	2	3	4	8

**NYISSQL1.** Which ONE do you think should be the TOP priority for New York State government (READ AND ROTATE LIST.)

	Protecting the environment .....	01
	Keeping us safe .....	02
	Keeping taxes low .....	03
	Managing transportation and traffic .....	04
(DO NOT READ) ← [	OTHER .....	96
	UNSURE.....	98
	REFUSED .....	99

**NYQLRT.** Overall, in the past five years, do you think the QUALITY OF LIFE in your area of the state has gotten better, worse, or stayed about the same?

	Better.....	1
	Worse .....	2
	About the same.....	3
(DO NOT READ) ← [	UNSURE.....	8
	REFUSED .....	9

**NYISSED.** Thinking about PUBLIC EDUCATION, Do you think New York State government is doing an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job (INSERT ITEM)

(ROTATE LIST. ENTER ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH.)

	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(DNR) Unsure
a. Keeping property taxes low	1	2	3	4	8
b. Providing quality education for all children	1	2	3	4	8
c. Holding local schools accountable	1	2	3	4	8
d. Ensuring public schools are safe	1	2	3	4	8

**NYISSED1.** Which ONE do you think should be the TOP priority for New York State government (READ AND ROTATE LIST.)

- Keeping property taxes low.....01
- Providing quality education for all children.....02
- Holding local schools accountable.....03
- Ensuring public schools are safe .....04

(DO NOT READ)

- ← [ OTHER .....96
- UNSURE.....98
- REFUSED .....99

**NYEDRT.** Overall, in the past five years, do you think PUBLIC EDUCATION in New York State, kindergarten through twelfth grade, has gotten better, worse, or stayed about the same?

- Better.....1
- Worse .....2
- About the same.....3

(DO NOT READ)

- ← [ UNSURE.....8
- REFUSED .....9

**NYEDCFE.** New York State faces a court order to increase spending for New York City public schools by billions of dollars. Please tell me if you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose

(INSERT ITEM) (DO NOT ROTATE. ENTER ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH.)

	Strongly Favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	(DNR) Unsure
a. Increasing STATE taxes to spend on New York City schools	1	2	3	4	8
b. Increasing STATE taxes to spend on New York City schools and poor school districts around the state	1	2	3	4	8
c. Increasing STATE taxes to spend on all school districts	1	2	3	4	8
d. Keeping state spending for public schools the same but shift money from richer districts to poorer ones	1	2	3	4	8

**NYISSHC.** Thinking about HEALTH CARE, do you think New York State government is doing an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job (INSERT ITEM)

(ROTATE LIST. ENTER ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH.)

	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(DNR) Unsure
a. Providing high quality health care	1	2	3	4	8
b. Keeping health care affordable	1	2	3	4	8
c. Helping the uninsured get health care	1	2	3	4	8
d. Increasing access to medical care	1	2	3	4	8

**NYISSED.** Which ONE do you think should be the TOP priority for New York State government (READ AND ROTATE LIST)

- Providing high quality health care .....01
- Keeping health care affordable .....02
- Helping the uninsured get health care .....03
- Increasing access to medical care.....04

(DO NOT READ)

- ← [ OTHER .....96
- UNSURE.....98
- REFUSED .....99

**NYHCRT.** Overall, in the past five years, do you think HEALTH CARE in New York State has gotten better, worse, or stayed about the same?

- Better .....1
- Worse .....2
- About the same.....3

(DO NOT READ)

- ← [ UNSURE.....8
- REFUSED .....9

**NYISSEC.** Thinking about New York’s ECONOMY, do you think New York State government is doing an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job (INSERT ITEM)

(ROTATE LIST. ENTER ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH.)

	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(DNR) Unsure
a. Keeping taxes from hurting economic growth	1	2	3	4	8
b. Supporting new and existing businesses	1	2	3	4	8
c. Helping workers re-train	1	2	3	4	8
d. Promoting high technology jobs	1	2	3	4	8

**NYISSEC1.** Which ONE do you think should be the TOP priority for New York State government (READ AND ROTATE LIST)

- Keeping taxes from hurting economic growth .....01
- Supporting new and existing businesses .....02
- Helping workers re-train .....03
- Promoting high technology jobs .....04

(DO NOT READ)

- ← [ OTHER .....96
- UNSURE.....98
- REFUSED .....99

**NYECRT.** Overall, in the past five years, do you think the ECONOMY in New York State has gotten better, worse, or stayed about the same?

- Better .....1
- Worse .....2
- About the same.....3

(DO NOT READ)

- ← [ UNSURE.....8
- REFUSED .....9

**BUD0001.** Do you think the highest priority of the next New York State budget should be to:  
(READ ROTATED LIST.)

- Reduce the state debt.....1
- Reduce state taxes .....2
- Maintain programs and services.....3

- (DO NOT READ) ← [ UNSURE.....8  
REFUSED .....9

**TXCUT.** Do you think reducing New York State taxes is always, often, seldom, or never a good idea?

- Always .....1
- Often.....2
- Seldom .....3
- Never .....4

- (DO NOT READ) ← [ UNSURE.....8  
REFUSED .....9

**NYISSEC.** Are you concerned a great deal, a good amount, not very much, or not at all that reducing New York State taxes will (INSERT ITEM)

(ROTATE LIST. ENTER ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH.)

	A Great Deal	A Good Amount	Not Very Much	Not at All	(DNR) Unsure
a. Increase local taxes	1	2	3	4	8
b. Increase the state's debt	1	2	3	4	8
c. Cause cuts in programs and services	1	2	3	4	8

**TAXSPD.** When it comes to paying New York State taxes, which bothers you more, how much you pay in taxes or how state government spends your taxes?

- How much you pay .....1
- How state government spends.....2

- (DO NOT READ) ← [ UNSURE.....8  
REFUSED .....9

**NYISSSG.** Thinking about how state government works, do you think New York State government is doing an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job (INSERT ITEM)

(ROTATE LIST. ENTER ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH.)

	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(DNR) Unsure
a. Passing the state budget on time	1	2	3	4	8
b. Keeping state government free of corruption	1	2	3	4	8
c. Managing state debt	1	2	3	4	8
d. Promoting fair and open elections	1	2	3	4	8

**NYISSG1.** Which ONE do you think should be the TOP priority (READ AND ROTATE LIST.)

- Passing the state budget on time .....01
- Keeping state government free of corruption.....02
- Managing state debt .....03
- Promoting fair and open elections.....04

- (DO NOT READ) ← [ OTHER .....96  
 UNSURE.....98  
 REFUSED .....99

**NYSGRT.** Overall, in the past five years, do you think New York State government works better, worse, or about the same?

- Better .....1
- Worse .....2
- About the same.....3

- (DO NOT READ) ← [ UNSURE.....8  
 REFUSED .....9

**NYTOPISS.** Which ONE of the following priorities do you think is MOST important: (READ AND ROTATE LIST OF RESPONDENT’S TOP PRIORITIES)

- Answer to NYISSQL1 .....01
- Answer to NYISSED1 .....02
- Answer to NYISSHC1 .....03
- Answer to NYISSEC1.....04
- Answer to NYISSSG1.....05

- (DO NOT READ) ← [ OTHER .....96  
 UNSURE.....98  
 REFUSED .....99

**REGVOTE.** Are you registered to vote at your current address?

Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 2

(DO NOT READ)

← [ UNSURE ..... 8  
REFUSED ..... 9

**IF REGISTERED TO VOTE**

**PARTYR.** Are you registered to vote as a:

Democrat ..... 01  
Republican ..... 05  
or an Independent, that is not  
enrolled in any party ..... 03

(DO NOT READ)

← [ CONSERVATIVE ..... 81  
LIBERAL ..... 82  
INDEPENDENCE/REFORM ..... 83  
GREEN ..... 84  
RIGHT TO LIFE ..... 85  
WORKING FAMILIES ..... 86  
OTHER ..... 97  
UNSURE ..... 98  
REFUSED ..... 99

**HHKIDS18.** How many children under age eighteen live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

**IF CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD**

**HHKDNYP.** How many of the children in your household attend public school? \_\_\_\_\_

**BIRTHYR2.** In which year were you born? \_\_\_\_\_

**RACE.** Are you white, black or African-American, Latino or Hispanic, or Asian?

White or Caucasian ..... 0100  
Black or African-American ..... 0200  
Latino or Hispanic ..... 0300  
Asian, Asian Indian ..... 0400  
American Indian, Native  
American, Eskimo ..... 0500

(DO NOT READ)

← [ MORE THAN ONE ..... 9300  
NAMED A RELIGION ..... 9400  
NAMED A COUNTRY ..... 9500  
JUST AMERICAN ..... 9600  
OTHER ..... 9700  
UNSURE ..... 9800  
REFUSED ..... 9900

**IF NOT LATINO/HISPANIC**

**RACEHISP.** Are you Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Dominican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

Yes .....1  
No.....2

(DO NOT READ) ← [ UNSURE.....8  
REFUSED .....9

**HOMEOWN.** Do you own your own home or do you rent?

Own home .....1  
Rent .....2

(DO NOT READ) ← [ LIVE WITH FRIENDS-  
PARENTS-OTHER .....7  
UNSURE.....8  
REFUSED .....9

**IF DO NOT OWN HOME**

**OWNPROP.** Do you own property in New York State?

Yes .....1  
No.....2

(DO NOT READ) ← [ UNSURE.....8  
REFUSED .....9

**EDUC.** What is the last year of school you completed?

Less than High School .....01  
High School or Equivalency .....02  
Some college (no degree).....03  
Associate Degree.....04  
Bachelor's Degree.....05  
Graduate/Professional Degree.....06  
Foreign Degree.....07  
Technical-Trade-No college.....96

(DO NOT READ) ← [ OTHER .....97  
UNSURE.....98  
REFUSED .....99

**INC15.** Is your combined family income before taxes...Please stop me when I get to your category.

- Less than \$15,000 dollars a year ..... 1
- \$15,000 to just under \$25,000.....2
- \$25,000 to just under \$50,000.....3
- \$50,000 to just under \$75,000.....4
- \$75,000 to just under \$100,000.....5
- \$100,000 or more .....6

(DO NOT READ)

- ← [ OTHER .....7
- UNSURE.....8
- REFUSED .....9

**ASKED ONLY OF EVERY THIRD RESPONDENT**

**MEDFINT.** Sometimes the media is interested in speaking with someone with your opinions on these issues. Would it be okay with you if someone from the media such as a television or newspaper reporter telephoned you as part of a follow-up interview at a future time?

- Yes ..... 1
- No.....2

(DO NOT READ)

- ← [ UNSURE.....8
- REFUSED .....9

**IF MEDFINT IS YES**

INTERVIEWER COLLECTS FIRST NAME, CONFIRMS PHONE NUMBER OR INPUTS ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER AT RESPONDENT'S REQUEST

**NYCNTY.** Which county in New York State do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_

**ZIPCODE2.** What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_

**SEX.** Are you male or female?

- Male ..... 1
- Female.....2