NEW YORK
2016
VOTER GUIDE
A YALLA VOTE 2016 STATE VOTER GUIDE
OVERVIEW

This November New Yorkers will have the opportunity to reelect one Senator and several seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, in addition to selecting a new President of the United States. The Arab American population in New York is the third largest in the country. The number of New Yorkers who claim an Arab ancestry has more than doubled since the Census first measured ethnic origins in 1980. Arab Americans in New York reside in 61 of the 62 counties in the state, with the greatest number of Arab Americans living in Kings County. The largest component of the Arab American community in the state has Lebanese roots and the largest number of new Arab immigrants to New York came from Egypt, Yemen, and Morocco.

New York held its state primary on June 28, 2016 and voters established who would be running in the general election. Of the officials who were previously elected, several are choosing to retire. Rep. Steve Israel of District 3 and Rep. Richard Hanna of District 22 have left their seats open for challengers. District 3 will be contested by Republican Jack Martins and Democrat Thomas Suozzi, while Republican Claudia Tenney and Democrat Kim Myers will be vying for an opportunity to represent District 22. In District 19, Rep. Christopher Gibson has decided not to run for reelection. Former New York gubernatorial candidate Zephyr Teachout won the Democratic party’s nomination for his seat. Teachout, who has never held public office before, will face Republican candidate John Faso in November.

Democratic Congressman Charles Rangel, is retiring after 23 terms in the House of Representatives, leaving his seat open. Senior Senator Chuck Schumer is up for reelection in November. Republican Wendy Long is hoping to unseat Schumer who has been in office since 1999. In 2018, New York voters will be able to reelect Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Governor Andrew Cuomo.

ARAB AMERICAN DEMOGRAPHICS

| AAI ESTIMATE | 449,187 |
| STATE RANK | 3 |

*Research by AAI and Zogby International suggest that the number above is likely significantly lower than the actual number of Arab Americans in the state. The American Community Survey identifies only a portion of the Arab population through a question on “ancestry.” Reasons for the undercount include the placement of and limit of the ancestry question (as distinct from race and ethnicity); the effect of the sample methodology on small, unevenly distributed ethnic groups; high levels of out-marriage among the third and fourth generations; and distrust/misunderstanding of government surveys among recent immigrants.


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GENERAL ELECTION

General Election **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**
Polls OPEN at 6 AM and CLOSE at 9 PM

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DEADLINES

Voter Registration: **October 19, 2016**
Absentee Application: **November 1, 2016**
Absentee Ballot: **November 7, 2016**

WHO CAN VOTE

To vote in the state of New York, you must be:

- A United States citizen
- 18 years old by December 31 of the year in which you register to vote
- Live at your present address at least 30 days before an election
- Not be in a prison or on parole for a felony conviction
- Not be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court
- Not claim the right to vote elsewhere

REGISTER TO VOTE

Mail
Applications must be postmarked no later than **Friday, October 14, 2016** and received by a board of elections no later than **Wednesday, October 19, 2016** to be eligible to vote in the General Election. Applications can be found online.

In-Person
You may register at your county board of elections or any state agency participating in the National Voter Registration Act, on any business day throughout the year but, to be eligible to vote in the General Election, your application must be received no later than Friday, **October 14, 2016**.

Change of Address
Notices of change of address from registered voters received by Wednesday, October 19, 2016 by a county board of elections must be processed and entered in the records in time for the General Election.
You must be a registered voter to obtain an absentee ballot. You can apply for an absentee ballot in person, or online. Upon completion, applications must be mailed to your county board. You may also request an Absentee Ballot by sending a letter to your county board of elections. The letter must be received by your county board no earlier than 30 days and no later than seven days before the election. The letter must contain the following information:

- The address where you are registered
- An address where the ballot is to be sent
- The reason for the request
- The signature of the voter

Deadlines for absentee voting are as follows:

- The application to receive a ballot must be postmarked by **Tuesday, November 1, 2016**.
- The last day to apply for an absentee ballot in-person is **Monday, November 7, 2016**.
- The last day to postmark the actual ballot is **Monday, November 7, 2016**. It must be received by the local board of elections by **Tuesday, November 15, 2016**.
- The last day to deliver the ballot in person is **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**.

EARLY VOTING

The state of New York does not allow for early voting before election day.
VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS

If you did not provide identification with your voter registration form, you will be asked for it the first time you vote. Acceptable forms of ID are:

- Current and Valid Photo ID
- Current Utility Bill
- Bank Statement
- Government Check or Paycheck
- Government Document that shows name and address.

CAMPAIGNING & THE POLLS

No one can electioneer within the polling place, or in any public street within a one-hundred-foot radial measured from the entrances designated by the inspectors of election. No political banners, buttons, poster, or placard shall be allowed in or upon the polling place within a one-hundred-foot radius.

REGISTRATION FOR GROUPS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The poll workers can assist the illiterate. Those who cannot speak English can be helped by a relative who can interpret for him or her. New York City also hires poll workers for language interpretation.

POLL WATCHERS

Poll watchers observe elections at the polling sites on behalf of a particular candidate, political party or organization. If and/or when they observe irregularities they report those observations to the Elections Inspector, the Police Officer and/or Board of Elections.

POLL WORKERS

Applications to be a poll worker can be found at your local polling office or online. The finished applications must be mailed, faxed, or personally delivered to the Board of Elections office in the borough of the poll worker or watcher’s residence.

Tasks that poll workers may perform:

- Prepare the polling place for voting
- Set up the voting equipment
- Process the voter
- Demonstrate voting procedures to the voters
- Close the polling place
- Canvass and report the results
- Assist voter if requested by the voter

To be eligible to become a poll worker, you must be a registered voter and a resident in the county, or within the City of New York, a City resident, in which you will be working.

*Courtesy of Voter Protection, a non-partisan voter protection coalition.
Democratic Presidential Challenger

**Hillary Clinton**, a graduate of Yale Law School, began her career working for the Children's Defense Fund, and later acting as an advisor to the U.S. House Judiciary Committee during the Watergate scandal. She served as First Lady of Arkansas from 1979 to 1992, during which she became a partner at Rose Law Firm and led several business ventures. In 1992, Hillary Clinton became First Lady of the United States when Bill Clinton was elected as President. As First Lady, she chaired the Task Force on National Healthcare Reform. In 2000, Clinton was elected to the U.S. Senate from New York, where she served two terms. During her time in the Senate, Clinton served on the Committee on Budget, Armed Services, Environment and Public Works, Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, and Special Committee on Aging. Additionally, she was a member of the Committee on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

In the 2008 Presidential election she ran unsuccessfully against President Barack Obama. President Obama appointed Clinton U.S. Secretary of State, where she served from 2008 to 2012. She announced her campaign for the 2016 Democratic nomination on Twitter in April 2015.

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Democratic Vice Presidential Challenger

**Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA)** graduated from the University of Missouri, and earned a law degree from Harvard Law School during which he interrupted his studies to work for nine months at a Jesuit mission in Honduras. Upon completion of Harvard Law, Kaine entered private practice and became a lecturer at the University of Richmond School of Law. He was first elected to public office in 1994, when he won a seat on the Richmond, Virginia City Council. He was then elected Mayor of Richmond in 1998, serving in that position until 2001 when he was elected Lieutenant Governor of Virginia. Kaine was elected Governor of Virginia in 2005, serving until 2010. He served as chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 2009 to 2011, and then decided to run for the vacant U.S. Senate seat, an election he won. Senator Kaine is presently serving in the Senate and is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senate Budget Committee, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the Special Committee on Aging.

Senator Kaine was selected by Hillary Clinton as her Vice Presidential running mate on July 22nd. On July 27, 2016 Senator Kaine officially accepted the Democratic nomination.
Republican Presidential Challenger

**Donald Trump** is a real estate mogul and television personality best known for the eponymous Trump Organization and his reality TV program “The Apprentice.” Born and raised in New York City, Trump earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School in 1968. In 1973, Trump inherited his father’s real estate and construction firm, and renamed it “The Trump Organization.”

Trump is a politically active member of the Tea Party movement and had discussed the idea of running for President of the United States in five previous election cycles. In June 2015, Trump announced his campaign for the 2016 Republican nomination in front of Trump Tower in New York City. Trump officially accepted the Republican National Committee’s nomination for President at the 2016 Republican National Convention.

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Republican Vice Presidential Challenger

Following graduation from law school, **Governor Mike Pence** unsuccessfully ran for Congress in 1988 and 1990, losing both times to Democratic incumbent Phil Sharp. In 1991, Pence was named President of the Indiana Policy Review Foundation, a conservative think tank based in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Pence was elected to Congress in November 2000 and served for six terms. In November 2008, his fellow GOP members elected him to serve as Chairman of the House Republican Conference. During his tenure in Congress, Pence served on multiple House committees including, Agriculture, Judiciary, Small Business, and Foreign Affairs. In May 2011, Pence announced that he would not run for re-election in Congress, and instead successfully ran for Governor of Indiana in the 2012 election. As Governor, Pence made national headlines when he signed Indiana’s controversial “Religious Freedom Restoration Act” into law. This action brought about widespread criticism alleging that the bill would permit discrimination against the LGBTQ community.

On July 15, 2016, Donald Trump announced that he had selected Pence as his Vice Presidential running mate in the 2016 Presidential election.
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2016 U.S. SENATE CANDIDATES

U.S. Senate, NY Statewide

Incumbent
Charles Schumer (D) Charles “Chuck” Schumer (D) is running for reelection to the U.S. Senate, having held his seat since 1998. Currently, Senator Schumer serves as the Ranking Member on the Senate Rules Committee. He also sits on the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Judiciary Committee, and the Joint Committee on the Library. In 2006, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) appointed Schumer to serve as the Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus, the number three position on the Democratic Leadership team – a position he continues to hold. Prior to serving in the U.S. Senate, Schumer served in the New York State Assembly and the U.S. House of Representatives.

www.chuckschumer.com

Challenger
Wendy Long (R) is running to represent New York in the U.S. Senate. After graduating from Dartmouth College, Long worked for two U.S. Senators who were part of the “Reagan Revolution” and served as a Publius Fellow at the Claremont Institute. She earned her law degree from Northwestern University School of Law and served as a law clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in New York, and the United States Supreme Court for Justice Clarence Thomas. Long ran for U.S. Senate in 2012, winning the Republican primary, but lost in the general election.

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## 2016 U.S. House of Representatives Candidates

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**Challenger**
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**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**
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### U.S. House, NY 3rd District

**Challenger**
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**Challenger**
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**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**
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### U.S. House, NY 5th District

**Incumbent**
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**Challenger**
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**Incumbent**  
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**Challenger**  
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### U.S. House, NY 7th District

**Incumbent**  
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**Challenger**  
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**Incumbent**  
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**Incumbent**  
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**Challenger**  
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**Incumbent**  
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U.S. House, NY 11th District

Incumbent
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Challenger
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U.S. House, NY 12th District

Incumbent
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Challenger
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U.S. House, NY 13th District

Incumbent
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Challenger
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U.S. House, NY 14th District

Incumbent
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U.S. House, NY 15th District

Incumbent
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Challenger
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U.S. House, NY 16th District

Incumbent
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Challenger
Unchallenged

U.S. House, NY 17th District

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Challenger
Unchallenged

U.S. House, NY 18th District

Incumbent
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Challenger
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U.S. House, NY 19th District

Challenger
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Challenger
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U.S. House, NY 20th District

Incumbent
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Challenger
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U.S. House, NY 21st District

Incumbent
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Challenger
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U.S. House, NY 22nd District

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Challenger
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U.S. House, NY 24th District

Incumbent
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Challenger
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Incumbent
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Challenger
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U.S. House, NY 26th District

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**Challenger**
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U.S. House, NY 27th District

**Incumbent**
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