

StudentsFirstNY

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| New York City Democratic Primary Poll

1,558 Likely Democratic Primary Voters

SCREENERS

QS7A. Are you registered to vote in New York City?

Yes, registered to vote	100
No, not registered to vote	0
Don't know	0

QS19. Regardless of which political party you identify with personally, which party are you registered with on the voter rolls in New York City?

Democrat	100
Republican	0
Libertarian	0
Green	0
Unaffiliated/Independent	0
Working Families	0
Conservative	0
Don't know	0

QS16. How likely are you to vote in the upcoming June 2021 Democratic primary in New York City? Are you:

Absolutely certain	67
Very likely	22
Possibly will vote	7
Absolutely will not vote	0
Don't know	4

ABOROUGH. In which borough do you live?

Manhattan	25
Brooklyn	33
Bronx	16
Staten Island	3
Queens	23

FAVORABILITY

Below is a list of people who might be on the ballot in the June 2021 Democratic primary for mayor of New York City. For each, please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable view of them. If you haven't heard of them or are unfamiliar with them, just indicate that.

	Very fav	Smwt fav	Smwt unfav	Very unfav	Heard of but no opinion	Have not heard of	Don't Know	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	TOTAL UNFAM
QF1R8. Andrew Yang	22	31	11	12	14	9	1	53	23	24
QF1R1. Eric Adams	20	26	9	7	15	24	1	46	15	39
QF1R6. Scott Stringer	15	30	9	5	17	23	1	45	15	40
QF1R2. Shaun Donovan	12	24	8	3	22	30	1	36	11	53
QF1R7. Maya Wiley	15	18	8	5	15	39	1	33	13	54
QF1R4. Ray McGuire	12	20	9	5	21	32	1	32	14	54
QF1R3. Kathryn Garcia	9	19	7	4	18	43	1	28	10	62
QF1R5. Dianne Morales	11	14	6	5	19	45	1	25	10	64

OTHER FAVORABILITY

Below is another list of groups or people. For each, please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable view of them. If you haven't heard of them or are unfamiliar with them, just indicate that.

	Very fav	Smwt fav	Smwt unfav	Very unfav	Heard of but no opinion	Have not heard of	Don't Know	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	TOTAL UNFAM
QF2R6. Senator Chuck Schumer	42	34	9	6	6	2	0	76	15	9
QF2R3. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	38	29	9	10	7	7	0	67	19	14
QF2R2. The New York City public school system	25	35	20	11	6	2	0	60	31	8
QF2R1. Public charter schools in New York City	23	31	16	12	13	4	1	54	29	17
QF2R5. Mayor Bill de Blasio	15	27	22	30	4	1	0	42	53	5
QF2R4. Democratic Socialists of America (or DSA)	20	20	9	9	15	28	1	39	18	43

Q1. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill de Blasio has handled his job as Mayor of New York City?

Strongly approve	14
Somewhat approve	34
Somewhat disapprove	26
Strongly disapprove	26
Don't know	1

APPROVE	48
DISAPPROVE	51

Q2. And do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor Bill de Blasio has handled the issue of K-12 education?

Strongly approve	15
Somewhat approve	37
Somewhat disapprove	27
Strongly disapprove	17
Don't know	4

APPROVE	52
DISAPPROVE	44

MAYORAL HORSE RACE

Switching gears slightly, now you'll see some questions about upcoming elections in New York City.

As you may or may not know, the Democratic primary will be using a new system called Ranked Choice Voting, where voters choose their 1st choice candidate for a position but can also list their 2nd choice, 3rd choice and so on if they would like.

QHR_MAY. Below is what the ballot for Democratic nominee for mayor of New York City will look like.

If today were election day, who would you vote for?

Rank candidates in the order of your choice. Mark the circle in the '1st choice' column for your first-choice candidate. Mark the circle in the '2nd choice' column for your second-choice candidate, and so on. You may rank as many as three candidates depending on your preferences, but you may rank fewer. Ranking a second and third-choice candidate will not hurt your first-choice candidate.

	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
Andrew Yang	22	11	10
Eric Adams	17	10	8
Scott Stringer	11	14	8
Maya Wiley	8	9	9
Ray McGuire	8	7	5
Shaun Donovan	7	9	8
Dianne Morales	7	6	5
Kathryn Garcia	5	6	6
Someone else	1	2	3
Don't know	14	25	38

Ranked-choice voting simulation

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round	5th Round	6th Round	7th Round
Andrew Yang	26	27	30	32	36	43	56
Eric Adams	20	21	22	23	27	31	44
Scott Stringer	12	14	16	18	20	26	-
Maya Wiley	10	11	12	15	18	-	-
Ray McGuire	9	10	11	12	-	-	-
Dianne Morales	8	9	10	-	-	-	-
Shaun Donovan	8	8	-	-	-	-	-
Kathryn Garcia	6	-	-	-	-	-	-

CITY COMPTROLLER HORSE RACE

QHR_COMP. Below is what the ballot for Democratic nominee for city Comptroller would look like.

If today were election day, who would you vote for?

[Instructions repeated as necessary: Rank candidates in the order of your choice. Mark the circle in the '1st choice' column for your first-choice candidate. Mark the circle in the '2nd choice' column for your second-choice candidate, and so on. You may rank as many as three candidates depending on your preferences, but you may rank fewer. Ranking a second and third-choice candidate will not hurt your first-choice candidate.]

	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
Corey Johnson	22	9	4
Michelle Caruso-Cabrera	9	8	5
Brad Lander	6	5	4
David Weprin	6	5	4
Kevin Parker	5	5	4
Brian Benjamin	5	4	5
Zach Iscol	3	3	3
Someone else	2	3	3
Don't know	42	57	68

Ranked-choice voting simulation

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round	5th Round
Corey Johnson	39	40	43	47	56
Michelle Caruso-Cabrera	16	17	19	23	26
David Weprin	11	12	13	15	18
Brad Lander	10	12	13	14	-
Brian Benjamin	10	11	12	-	-
Kevin Parker	9	9	-	-	-
Zach Iscol	5	-	-	-	-

BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT HORSE RACE

Among likely voters who live in Brooklyn

QHR_BK. Below is what the ballot for Democratic nominee for Brooklyn Borough President would look like.

If today were election day, who would you vote for?

[*Instructions repeated as necessary:* Rank candidates in the order of your choice. Mark the circle in the '1st choice' column for your first-choice candidate. Mark the circle in the '2nd choice' column for your second-choice candidate, and so on. You may rank as many as three candidates depending on your preferences, but you may rank fewer. Ranking a second and third-choice candidate will not hurt your first-choice candidate.]

	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
Robert Cornegy Jr.	10	7	2
Antonio Reynoso	10	6	7
Jo Anne Simon	8	5	4
Khari Edwards	7	5	4
Kimberly Council	7	4	3
Mathieu Eugene	6	6	5
Someone else	2	3	4
Don't know	50	62	71

Ranked-choice voting simulation

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round	5th Round
Antonio Reynoso	20	22	29	41	55
Robert Cornegy Jr.	20	23	27	33	45
Jo Anne Simon	17	19	22	27	-
Khari Edwards	14	18	22	-	-
Kimberly Council	15	17	-	-	-
Mathieu Eugene	13	-	-	-	-

BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT HORSE RACE

Among likely voters who live in the Bronx

QHR_BX. Below is what the ballot for Democratic nominee for Bronx Borough President would look like.

If today were election day, who would you vote for?

[*Instructions repeated as necessary:* Rank candidates in the order of your choice. Mark the circle in the '1st choice' column for your first-choice candidate. Mark the circle in the '2nd choice' column for your second-choice candidate, and so on. You may rank as many as three candidates depending on your preferences, but you may rank fewer. Ranking a second and third-choice candidate will not hurt your first-choice candidate.]

	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
Vanessa Gibson	25	6	4
Nathalia Fernandez	12	11	7
Fernando Cabrera	10	11	8
Luis Sepulveda	9	6	7
Samuel Ravelo	4	7	3
Someone else	5	5	8
Don't know	34	53	62

Ranked-choice voting simulation

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round
Vanessa Gibson	42	42	45	58
Nathalia Fernandez	19	23	29	42
Fernando Cabrera	17	19	25	-
Luis Sepulveda	16	16	-	-
Samuel Ravelo	7	-	-	-

QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT HORSE RACE

Among likely voters who live in Queens

QHR_QNS. Below is what the ballot for Democratic nominee for Queens Borough President would look like.

If today were election day, who would you vote for?

[*Instructions repeated as necessary:* Rank candidates in the order of your choice. Mark the circle in the '1st choice' column for your first-choice candidate. Mark the circle in the '2nd choice' column for your second-choice candidate, and so on. You may rank as many as three candidates depending on your preferences, but you may rank fewer. Ranking a second and third-choice candidate will not hurt your first-choice candidate.]

	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
Donovan Richards	28	7	9
Elizabeth Crowley	20	12	7
Jimmy Van Bramer	9	11	4
Diana Sanchez	6	10	8
Stan Morse	2	4	4
Someone else	2	4	3
Don't know	33	51	65

Ranked-choice voting simulation

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round
Donovan Richards	43	43	46	56
Elizabeth Crowley	31	33	36	44
Jimmy Van Bramer	14	14	18	-
Diana Sanchez	9	10	-	-
Stan Morse	3	-	-	-

Among likely voters who live in Manhattan

QHR_MAN. Below is what the ballot for Democratic nominee for Manhattan District Attorney would look like. Unlike the previous races you've been asked about, this ballot will only allow you to choose one candidate and will not use ranked-choice voting.

If today were election day, who would you vote for?

Tali Farhadian Weinstein	16
Lucy Lang	12
Alvin Bragg	6
Tahanie Aboushi	5
Diana Florence	5
Eliza Orlins	4
Dan Quart	3
Liz Crotty	2
Someone else	3
Don't know	44

Q3. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

New York City public schools provide a high-quality education to most students.	32
New York City public schools only provide a high-quality education to students in wealthy or mostly white neighborhoods, not to Black and Latino kids.	49
New York City public schools do not provide a high-quality education to students, even in wealthy or mostly white neighborhoods.	16
Don't know	2

Q4. How familiar would you say you are with the differences between district public schools and public charter schools?

Very familiar	29
Somewhat familiar	41
Not very familiar	17
Not at all familiar	12
Don't know	1

FAMILIAR	70
UNFAMILIAR	30

Q5. As you may know, charter schools are independently managed public schools that are open to all students, with no tuition or admissions tests. They have flexibility to set their own curriculum and are supervised by city and state authorities to hold them accountable. Families decide whether they want their kids to attend a charter school, and if there are more students than available seats, they hold lotteries to assign the seats fairly. Today, 90% of the students who've chosen to attend charter schools in New York City are Black or Latino.

Given what you've read, how favorable or unfavorable are you to public charter schools in New York City?

Very favorable	25
Somewhat favorable	40
Somewhat unfavorable	20
Very unfavorable	13
Don't know	2

FAVORABLE	65
UNFAVORABLE	33

Q6. Would you say that charter schools are:

Mostly good for their students	80
Mostly bad for their students	16
Don't know	4

Q7. Which of the following comes closer to your view?

If we make sure they provide a high-quality education, charter schools can play a positive role in our school system.	77
No matter how good they are, charter schools are bad for the school system.	22
Don't know	2

Below is a list of possible goals for the education system in New York City. Please indicate if you think public charter schools in New York City help or hurt when it comes to each of these goals.

	Help a lot	Help a little	Hurt a little	Hurt a lot	Have no impact	Don't know	TOTAL HELP	TOTAL HURT	NO IMPACT/DK
Q8R2. Giving parents more choices to find the school that's right for their kids	55	26	6	6	5	2	81	12	7
Q8R3. Giving more students the opportunity to go to the school that's best for their individual needs	56	24	6	6	6	2	80	12	8
Q8R5. Preparing more students to succeed in college and the 21st-century economy	54	26	5	6	7	2	80	10	10
Q8R1. Giving more kids the opportunity to get a great education if they aren't zoned to a great district school	54	25	5	8	6	2	79	13	8
Q8R4. Giving teachers more flexibility to take creative and innovative approaches	53	26	6	6	6	3	79	12	9

Q9. As you may know, the state has set a cap on the number of charter schools allowed to open, and New York City has reached that limit. That means that no more charter schools can be authorized to open, even if parents want them and the schools go through a rigorous review process.

Which of the following comes closer to your view?

We should continue blocking all new charter schools from opening.	29
We should allow new charter schools to open if parents want them.	70
Don't know	2

Q10. Suppose that a candidate for Mayor said that their focus would be on the district schools that serve most kids in New York City, but that they believe high-quality charter schools also play a positive role in the school system because families should be able to choose the right option for their children's individual needs. Would that make you more or less likely to vote for that candidate?

Much more likely to vote for them	24
Somewhat more likely to vote for them	31
Somewhat less likely to vote for them	12
Much less likely to vote for them	11
No impact	20
Don't know	1
MORE LIKELY	55
LESS LIKELY	23
NO IMPACT/DK	21

DEMOGRAPHICS

QS3. Are you:

A man	40
A woman	59
Neither / Non-binary / <i>optional specify</i>	0

AS4. What is your current age?

18-34	22
35-49	28
50-64	28
65+	22

QS21. For statistical purposes only, which of the following ethnic or racial groups best describes you? Please select all that apply.

Follow up: And do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic or Latino descent?

White	40
Black or African American	34
Latino or Hispanic	21
Asian or Pacific Islander	6
Middle Eastern	1
Native American	2
Other	1
Don't Know/Refused	5
WHITE ONLY	36

QChildren. Do you have any children?

Yes - Under 18 years old	28
Yes - Over 18 years old	39
No	37
Don't know	0
TOTAL YES	63

Among those with children

QSCHOOLS. Which of the following types of schools have any of your children attended, any time from kindergarten through high school?

Public school, not including charter or magnet schools	61
Public charter schools	15
Public magnet schools	7
Private schools, not including religious or parochial schools	14
Religious or parochial schools	20
Home schooling (not including remote learning from your children's school due to COVID-19)	4
Children are not yet in school	7
Other	4
Don't know	0

Among those without children and parents who did not select charter schools in the previous question

QCHARTER. Do you know anyone personally whose children attend a public charter school?

Yes	48
No	51
Don't know	0

QD1. What is the last grade or level of school you have completed?

<COLLEGE	51
COLLEGE+	49

Among Latino/Hispanic likely voters

QD16A. In your home, do you speak Spanish:

All of the time	24
Some of the time	55
Never	21
Unsure / Prefer not to answer	0

QP5. Would you use any of the following words to describe your political views?
Multiple responses allowed.

Conservative	11
Moderate	28
Liberal	31
Progressive	20
Socialist	8
I would not use any of these words to describe my views	20
Don't know	0

QD14. For statistical purposes only, we need to know your total family income for 2020. Will you please indicate which of the following categories best represents your total family income?

<\$50K	32
\$50K - \$100K	27
\$100K+	30