



NY1-Marist Poll

9/11 Ten Years Later:

Concerns About Another Terrorist Attack at New Low

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This NY1-Marist Poll Reports:

New York City and the rest of the nation will solemnly mark the tenth anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks one month from today. Are residents in New York City concerned about another attack? Worry about another assault in the city is at its lowest point since the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center.

According to this NY1-Marist Poll, 49% of New York City residents express concern about another terrorist attack. Included here are 17% who are very worried and 32% who are worried. 34%, however, are not too worried, and 17% are not worried at all.

“Although many New Yorkers remain on guard concerning another terrorist attack, others think the threat has passed,” says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. “There has also been significant healing in the city. A majority of New Yorkers say their lives have returned to normal.”

When NY1-Marist last reported this question in May soon after the death of Osama Bin Laden, 51% expressed concern while nearly three in ten -- 29% -- weren't too worried, and 17% said they weren't anxious at all.

More residents in the Bronx -- 60% -- are concerned than are those in the other boroughs. 49% of residents in Queens and Staten Island, 47% of those in Brooklyn, and 45% of those in Manhattan are either very worried or worried about another terrorist attack in New York City.

Women -- 54% -- and those 45 and older -- 53% -- have a heightened sense of anxiety compared with men -- 43% -- and those who are younger -- 46%.

Daily Life Back to Normal for Majority...Recovery Still Needed for City

53% of adults in New York City say their lives have returned to normal since the terror attacks nearly ten years ago. 11% expect their lives to eventually return to normal while 36% say their lives will never be the same.

There has been little change on this question since May when 54% said their lives were back on track, one in ten -- 10% -- thought they would eventually recover, and 35% believed their lives would never be the same. However, many New York City residents have healed since the years immediately following the attacks. In September 2004, only 24% reported their lives had returned to normal. 17% thought they would eventually recover while nearly six in ten -- 59% -- said their lives would never be the same.

Looking at what residents think of New York City itself, 47% of residents say the city has not fully recovered since the September 11th attacks. 28%, though, believe it is just as good as it was before the attacks while 26% report the city is even better.

In NY1-Marist's previous survey, 48% said the city still needed healing, 28% believed New York City was back on par, and one in four -- 25% -- thought it was even better. Here, too, perceptions have improved since September 2004. At that time, a majority -- 54% -- reported New York City had not fully recovered. 30%, at that time, believed it was just as good, and 16% said it was better than it had been before the attacks.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: New York City Poll of 808 Adults

This survey of 808 New York City adults was conducted on July 20th, 2011 through July 27th, 2011. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the five boroughs of New York City were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the city. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each borough was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within ± 3.5 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample: Adults

Nature of the Sample - NYC Adults		
		NYC Adults
		Col %
NYC Adults		100%
Registered Voters		78%
NYC Borough	Bronx	15%
	Brooklyn	30%
	Manhattan	21%
	Queens and Staten Island	34%
Income	Less than \$50,000	53%
	\$50,000 or more	47%
Race	White	35%
	African American	24%
	Latino	28%
	Other	13%
Race	White	35%
	Non White	65%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	24%
	Gen X (31-46)	30%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	31%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	16%
Age	Under 45	50%
	45 or older	50%
Gender	Men	48%
	Women	52%
Interview Type	Landline	75%
	Cell Phone	25%

NY1-Marist Poll NYC Adults: Interviews conducted July 20th through 27th, 2011, N=808 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Concern About Another Terrorist Attack

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Are you very worried, worried, not too worried or not worried at all about another major terrorist attack in New York City?

		NYC Adults			
		Are you very worried, worried, not too worried or not worried at all about another major terrorist attack in New York City?			
		Very worried	Worried	Not too worried	Not worried at all
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults		17%	32%	34%	17%
NYC Registered Voters		16%	33%	35%	16%
NYC Borough	Bronx	24%	36%	27%	14%
	Brooklyn	20%	27%	35%	18%
	Manhattan	11%	34%	40%	15%
	Queens and Staten Island	17%	32%	33%	19%
Income	Less than \$50,000	21%	33%	31%	16%
	\$50,000 or more	12%	32%	38%	18%
Race	White	13%	38%	35%	14%
	African American	16%	31%	33%	20%
	Latino	23%	27%	35%	15%
Education	Not college graduate	21%	30%	33%	16%
	College graduate	12%	34%	36%	18%
Age	Under 45	18%	28%	36%	18%
	45 or older	18%	35%	33%	14%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	20%	23%	40%	18%
	Gen X (31-46)	16%	33%	33%	18%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	19%	35%	33%	13%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	15%	34%	33%	17%
Gender	Men	12%	31%	36%	21%
	Women	22%	32%	32%	13%
Households with children under 18	Household with children	21%	33%	30%	16%
	No children in household	15%	31%	37%	17%
Interview Type	Landline	16%	31%	35%	17%
	Cell Phone	22%	33%	30%	15%

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Concern About Another Terrorist Attack Over Time

Asked of NYC Adults:

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	Very worried	Worried	Not too worried	Not worried at all
August 2011	17%	32%	34%	17%
May 2011	12%	39%	29%	19%
April 2011	18%	35%	29%	17%
September 10, 2010	19%	37%	30%	14%
September 10, 2007	17%	40%	26%	17%
April 2005	14%	37%	37%	12%
September 2004	22%	38%	24%	16%
March 2002	22%	33%	31%	14%
October 2001	34%	39%	18%	9%

Marist Poll New York City Residents

Daily Life Since 9/11

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Thinking back to the terror attacks on September 11th, 2001, has your life:

		NYC Adults		
		Thinking back to the terror attacks on September 11th, 2001, has your life:		
		Returned to normal	Will eventually return to normal	Or, never be the same
		Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults		53%	11%	36%
NYC Registered Voters		52%	10%	38%
NYC Borough	Bronx	51%	13%	36%
	Brooklyn	52%	9%	39%
	Manhattan	62%	9%	29%
	Queens and Staten Island	50%	13%	37%
Income	Less than \$50,000	44%	15%	41%
	\$50,000 or more	59%	6%	35%
Race	White	61%	5%	34%
	African American	46%	12%	41%
	Latino	52%	13%	35%
Education	Not college graduate	49%	12%	39%
	College graduate	60%	10%	31%
Age	Under 45	53%	15%	32%
	45 or older	53%	8%	39%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	62%	14%	24%
	Gen X (31-46)	49%	15%	37%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	47%	9%	44%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	60%	7%	34%
Gender	Men	57%	11%	31%
	Women	50%	10%	40%
Households with children under 18	Household with children	46%	13%	41%
	No children in household	58%	10%	32%
Interview Type	Landline	56%	8%	36%
	Cell Phone	47%	18%	35%

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Daily Life Since 9/11 (Over Time)

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April 2011	53%	10%	37%
August 2007	40%	13%	47%
August 2006	42%	16%	42%
August 2005	37%	14%	49%
September 2004	24%	17%	59%

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Status of NYC Since 9/11

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Thinking back to the terror attacks on September 11th, 2001, do you think New York City is now:

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