



NY1-Marist Poll

Bloomberg, City Schools Receive Low Grades

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This NY1-Marist Poll Reports:

A majority of New York City voters may want to put Mayor Michael Bloomberg on academic probation. While 34% approve of his handling of the city's public schools, 56% disapprove. 10% are unsure. This is Bloomberg's lowest approval rating on this issue since March of 2011 when 27% approved of how he was addressing the issue.

When NY1-Marist last reported this question in September, 41% approved of the mayor's performance on education while 48% disapproved. 11%, at the time, were unsure.

"Dissatisfaction with New York City's public schools remains high," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "New Yorkers want the next mayor to move in a different direction."

Key points:

- Bloomberg's approval rating on education has dropped in the **Bronx** -- 29% -- and in **Manhattan** -- 37%. In September, those proportions were 40% and 48%, respectively.
- In **Queens and Staten Island** -- 36% -- and in **Brooklyn** -- 34%, there has been little change from September when 40% and 38%, respectively, gave Bloomberg high marks on his handling of education.

Many New York City residents are not thrilled with the public schools in their neighborhoods. Only 38% of adults citywide give their local schools good grades. Included here are 9% who rate their public schools as excellent and 29% who say they are good. 35% believe they are doing a fair job while 18% rate them poorly. Nine percent are unsure. Identical proportions of registered voters in the city share these views as well.

In NY1-Marist's September survey, 43% of those living in New York City thought well of their neighborhood schools. 30% gave them a fair rating while 18% reported they fell short. Nine percent, at the time, were unsure.

Looking at households who have a child in the New York City public schools, 45% believe the public schools are doing either an excellent -- 11% -- or good -- 34% -- job educating their children. 37% think the schools are doing an average job while 15% believe they are falling short. Two percent are unsure.

More Than Six in Ten NYC Residents Want Next Mayor to Make Changes in Education

62% of adults in New York City want the city's next mayor to take the public schools in a different direction. 27%, however, want Bloomberg's successor to continue with Mayor Bloomberg's education policy, and 11% are unsure.

Key points:

- Nearly two-thirds of **households with a child in the New York City public schools** -- 65% -- want the next mayor to change the direction of education policy in the city.
- 69% of adults in the Bronx, 65% of those in Brooklyn, 60% of residents in Queens and Staten Island, and 55% in Manhattan desire changes in public schools.

Dennis Walcott's Approval Rating at 34%

34% of adults citywide think the city's top educator, Dennis Walcott, is doing either an excellent -- 6% -- or good -- 28% -- job as New York City Schools Chancellor. 35% rate Walcott as fair while 14% give him a poor rating. 17% are unsure or have never heard of him. In NY1-Marist's September survey, Walcott's approval rating was 31%. 38% thought he was doing an average job while 9% thought he missed the mark. 22%, at that time, were unsure.

Majority Approves of Kelly's Job Performance

As speculation continues about a mayoralty run by New York City Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, the commissioner enjoys a 55% job approval rating. This includes 21% of adults who believe Kelly is excelling in his position and 34% who report he is doing a good job. 28% rate the Police Commissioner's performance as fair while 13% believe he is performing poorly. Four percent are unsure.

Kelly's approval rating is 70% among white residents, 48% among Latinos, and 42% among African American residents in the city.

The views of registered voters reflect those of the overall population in the city. 56% of voters give Kelly high marks. 28% think his performance is average while 13% say he has missed the mark. Three percent are unsure.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: NY1-Marist New York City Poll of 886 Adults

This survey of 886 New York City adults was conducted April 10th through 17th, 2012. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in 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. There are 671 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 4.0 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

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		NYC Adults	NYC Registered Voters
		Col %	Col %
NYC Adults		100%	
NYC Registered Voters		76%	100%
Party Registration	Democrat	n/a	64%
	Republican	n/a	12%
	Non-enrolled	n/a	22%
	Other	n/a	1%
Political Ideology	Liberal	n/a	34%
	Moderate	n/a	37%
	Conservative	n/a	29%
NYC Borough	Bronx	16%	17%
	Brooklyn	30%	31%
	Manhattan	21%	21%
	Queens and Staten Island	33%	31%
Income	Less than \$50,000	51%	47%
	\$50,000 or more	49%	53%
Race	White	35%	40%
	African American	22%	23%
	Latino	27%	25%
	Other	16%	13%
Race	White	35%	40%
	Non White	65%	60%
Religion	Protestant	26%	26%
	Catholic	34%	36%
	Jewish	13%	13%
	Other	9%	7%
	No Religion	18%	18%
Age	Under 45	53%	45%
	45 or older	47%	55%
Age	18 to 29	24%	18%
	30 to 44	29%	27%
	45 to 59	24%	27%
	60 or older	23%	28%
	Gender	Men	48%
	Women	52%	52%
Education	Not college graduate	52%	47%
	College graduate	48%	53%
Interview Type	Landline	75%	78%
	Cell Phone	25%	22%

NY1-Marist Poll NYC Adults: Interviews conducted April 10th through 17th, 2012, N=886 MOE +/- 3.5 percentage points. NYC Registered Voters: N=671 MOE +/- 4.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

		NYC Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of how Mayor Michael Bloomberg is handling the public schools?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Registered Voters		34%	56%	10%
Party Registration	Democrat	32%	58%	9%
	Republican	44%	44%	12%
	Non-enrolled	32%	58%	10%
Political Ideology	Liberal	38%	53%	9%
	Moderate	33%	57%	10%
	Conservative	37%	55%	8%
NYC Borough	Bronx	29%	66%	6%
	Brooklyn	34%	48%	18%
	Manhattan	37%	56%	7%
	Queens and Staten Island	36%	58%	5%
Income	Less than \$50,000	32%	59%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	37%	56%	8%
Race	White	39%	48%	13%
	African American	29%	61%	10%
	Latino	31%	65%	4%
Religion	Protestant	36%	55%	8%
	Catholic	36%	59%	6%
	Jewish	32%	45%	23%
Education	Not college graduate	28%	61%	11%
	College graduate	40%	52%	8%
Age	Under 45	34%	57%	9%
	45 or older	35%	55%	10%
Age	18 to 29	37%	56%	7%
	30 to 44	32%	58%	10%
	45 to 59	32%	59%	8%
	60 or older	38%	51%	11%
Gender	Men	40%	51%	9%
	Women	29%	61%	10%
HH with Child in NYC Public School		37%	58%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	37%	52%	11%
	Cell Phone	27%	68%	5%

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	New York City Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of how Mayor Michael Bloomberg is handling the public schools?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
April 2012	34%	56%	10%
September 2011	41%	48%	11%
August 2011	36%	54%	10%
March 2011	27%	65%	8%
July 2009	53%	38%	9%
Marist Poll New York City Registered Voters			

		NYC Adults				
		Would you rate the public schools in your community as excellent, good, fair, or poor?				
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults		9%	29%	35%	18%	9%
NYC Registered Voters		9%	29%	35%	18%	9%
NYC Borough	Bronx	5%	33%	36%	20%	5%
	Brooklyn	9%	25%	35%	19%	13%
	Manhattan	8%	22%	33%	24%	13%
	Queens and Staten Island	12%	34%	36%	14%	4%
Income	Less than \$50,000	8%	29%	37%	21%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	11%	29%	34%	17%	10%
Race	White	13%	29%	30%	14%	13%
	African American	5%	26%	44%	20%	6%
	Latino	6%	33%	32%	22%	6%
Religion	Protestant	7%	35%	33%	18%	7%
	Catholic	10%	29%	35%	20%	6%
	Jewish	10%	30%	28%	18%	14%
Education	Not college graduate	7%	28%	37%	19%	8%
	College graduate	11%	28%	33%	18%	10%
Age	Under 45	8%	27%	38%	19%	8%
	45 or older	10%	29%	32%	18%	10%
Age	18 to 29	8%	26%	41%	18%	7%
	30 to 44	8%	29%	36%	19%	9%
	45 to 59	8%	28%	33%	22%	8%
	60 or older	12%	31%	31%	14%	12%
Gender	Men	9%	26%	35%	20%	9%
	Women	9%	30%	35%	17%	9%
HH with Child in NYC Public School		11%	34%	37%	15%	2%
Interview Type	Landline	8%	30%	34%	19%	10%
	Cell Phone	10%	26%	40%	18%	6%

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		NYC Adults		
		A new mayor will be elected in November 2013. Thinking about New York City's public schools, would you prefer the new mayor:		
		Continue with Mayor Bloomberg's education policy	Move in another direction	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults		27%	62%	11%
NYC Registered Voters		25%	64%	11%
NYC Borough	Bronx	26%	69%	5%
	Brooklyn	18%	65%	17%
	Manhattan	31%	55%	14%
	Queens and Staten Island	34%	60%	7%
Income	Less than \$50,000	25%	67%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	31%	60%	9%
Race	White	32%	53%	15%
	African American	20%	69%	11%
	Latino	25%	68%	7%
Religion	Protestant	24%	67%	9%
	Catholic	28%	65%	7%
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	45 to 59	24%	66%	10%
	60 or older	29%	58%	13%
Gender	Men	31%	59%	10%
	Women	24%	64%	12%
HH with Child in NYC Public School		31%	65%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	29%	60%	11%
	Cell Phone	23%	67%	10%

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		NYC Adults				
		Would you rate the job New York City Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?				
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure-Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults		6%	28%	35%	14%	17%
NYC Registered Voters		7%	27%	35%	15%	15%
NYC Borough	Bronx	6%	34%	40%	9%	12%
	Brooklyn	10%	22%	31%	16%	21%
	Manhattan	3%	30%	31%	17%	19%
	Queens and Staten Island	5%	29%	39%	13%	14%
Income	Less than \$50,000	9%	25%	38%	14%	14%
	\$50,000 or more	3%	34%	33%	15%	15%
Race	White	4%	28%	35%	13%	19%
	African American	8%	32%	38%	11%	11%
	Latino	6%	27%	33%	17%	17%
Religion	Protestant	5%	34%	39%	11%	11%
	Catholic	8%	28%	36%	14%	14%
	Jewish	5%	24%	28%	15%	28%
Education	Not college graduate	8%	28%	35%	12%	16%
	College graduate	5%	29%	34%	16%	17%
Age	Under 45	7%	25%	36%	13%	19%
	45 or older	6%	31%	35%	15%	13%
Age	18 to 29	4%	23%	36%	13%	24%
	30 to 44	9%	27%	35%	14%	15%
	45 to 59	6%	33%	35%	16%	11%
	60 or older	6%	28%	35%	14%	16%
Gender	Men	7%	30%	34%	13%	17%
	Women	6%	26%	36%	16%	16%
HH with Child in NYC Public School		5%	36%	38%	14%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	6%	29%	35%	14%	15%
	Cell Phone	6%	25%	34%	14%	21%

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NYC Registered Voters		23%	33%	28%	13%	3%
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