



New York State Budget

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This Marist College Institute for Public Opinion poll reports:

- **New York State voters blame the state legislature for budget tardiness:** The deadline for a new state budget has come and gone again this year and 55% of New York State registered voters blame the state legislature for the delay.

Question Wording: Who do you think is more to blame for the New York State budget being late, the governor or the state legislature?

Registered Voters	Governor	State Legislature	Both	Unsure
April 2004	25%	55%	11%	9%
Region				
Upstate	17%	63%	13%	7%
New York City	38%	46%	8%	8%
Suburbs	20%	55%	13%	12%
Party				
Democrats	35%	47%	10%	8%
Republicans	10%	72%	10%	8%
Non-enrolled	25%	54%	11%	10%

- **Deadlines matter:** Most New York voters think it matters that the state budget is not passed on time. 43% say it matters to them a great deal, and 25% say it matters to them somewhat that the New York State budget is late.

Question Wording: Does it matter to you a great deal, somewhat, not too much, or not at all that the New York State budget is late?

Registered Voters	A Great Deal	Somewhat	Not Too Much	Not at All	Unsure
April 2004	43%	25%	16%	15%	1%

Registered Voters	A Great Deal	Somewhat	Not Too Much	Not at All	Unsure
Region					
Upstate	56%	20%	11%	12%	1%
New York City	35%	28%	18%	17%	2%
Suburbs	29%	30%	22%	19%	<1%
Party					
Democrats	43%	27%	15%	14%	1%
Republicans	41%	20%	22%	16%	1%
Non-enrolled	46%	26%	11%	17%	<1%

Nature of the Sample: 602 NYS Registered Voters

The survey of 602 registered voters was conducted from April 13th through April 15th, 2004. Registered voters were interviewed by telephone in proportion to the voter registration in each county in New York State and adjusted for turnout in statewide elections. Results are statistically significant at $\pm 4\%$ for registered voters. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.