



Optimism About NYS Economy Diminishes

*** Complete Tables for Poll Appended ***

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This Marist Poll Reports:

Most registered voters in New York think the state is in a recession. 86% believe this to be the case while 12% disagree. And, while there is little change in these opinions since Marist last asked this question in September, what has changed is the reduced level of optimism voters have in the future of the state's economy.

Currently, nearly four in ten voters -- 39% -- say the state's economy is getting worse while 15% believe it is getting better. 46% think it is staying the same. Voters have become more pessimistic since Marist's September survey. At that time, 29% thought the economy was taking a turn for the worse, 19% reported it was improving, and a majority -- 52% -- said it was status quo.

Upstate voters, by far, have a dimmer view of the New York State economy than do those in the suburbs and New York City. However, optimism among suburban voters is slipping away. 47% of Upstate voters think the state's economy is getting worse compared with 37% of those in the suburbs and 29% in New York City. Two months ago, 35% of Upstate voters, 22% of suburban voters, and 25% of those in the five boroughs had a gloomy view of the state's economic future.

In fact, the electorate believes the state is facing an uphill battle. 77% believe New York's economic crisis will last more than a year. 21% say the economic tides will turn within 6 months to a year while just 2% think the situation will improve in less than 6 months. When Marist asked this question in September, 69% thought the economic crisis would endure for more than a year, 28% said they expected things to get better within 6 months to a year from now, and 3% reported the economy would improve in less than 6 months.

Looking at region, there is consensus about the state's stalled economic recovery. 79% of Upstate voters, 76% of New York City voters, and 76% of suburban voters think New York State will battle the economic crisis for more than a year.

What about voters' personal economic situation? 56% say their financial picture will remain the same in the upcoming year, 24% report they think it will get better, and 20% say it will worsen. Little has changed since Marist last asked this question in September.

Unemployment Remains a Problem

The unemployment picture remains bleak for New York State voters. 78% say they know someone who has lost a job in the last 6 months. 22% report they do not. These proportions closely reflect those found in Marist's September survey.

Nature of the Sample: 805 New York State Registered Voters

This survey of 805 New York State registered voters was conducted on November 12th, November 16th, and November 17th 2009. Registered voters were interviewed by telephone in proportion to the voter registration in each county in New York and adjusted for turnout in statewide elections. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the state. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. In an effort 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 at +/- 3.5%. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

**Marist Poll November 2009
NYS Registered Voter Tables**

		Registered Voters		
		Do you think that New York State is currently in a recession, or not?		
		Yes	No	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		86%	12%	2%
Party Registration	Democrat	84%	14%	2%
	Republican	87%	12%	1%
	Non-enrolled	86%	11%	3%
Political Ideology	Liberal	83%	15%	2%
	Moderate	89%	10%	1%
	Conservative	86%	12%	2%
Region	New York City	86%	11%	3%
	Suburbs	82%	17%	1%
	Upstate	88%	11%	1%
Income	less \$50,000	82%	16%	2%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	85%	14%	1%
	\$100,000 or more	89%	10%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	82%	16%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	87%	12%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	83%	16%	1%
	College graduate	89%	9%	2%
Race	White	86%	12%	2%
	Non White	81%	16%	3%
Religion	Protestant	87%	13%	1%
	Catholic	85%	13%	2%
	Jewish	89%	9%	2%
Age	18 to 29	81%	19%	0%
	30 to 44	87%	9%	4%
	45 to 59	88%	12%	0%
	60 or older	85%	13%	2%
Age	Under 45	85%	12%	3%
	45 or older	86%	13%	1%
Gender	Men	87%	12%	1%
	Women	85%	13%	3%

Marist Poll New York Registered Voters "N=805 MOE +/- 3.5%". Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

		Registered Voters		
		Right now, do you think the New York State economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?		
		Getting better	Getting worse	Staying about the same
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		15%	39%	46%
Party Registration	Democrat	19%	33%	48%
	Republican	12%	48%	39%
	Non-enrolled	11%	37%	53%
Political Ideology	Liberal	23%	28%	49%
	Moderate	13%	39%	48%
	Conservative	9%	47%	44%
Region	New York City	23%	29%	49%
	Suburbs	17%	37%	45%
	Upstate	9%	47%	45%
Income	less \$50,000	13%	41%	47%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	14%	41%	45%
	\$100,000 or more	19%	33%	48%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	13%	41%	47%
	\$50,000 or more	16%	37%	47%
Education	Not college graduate	13%	42%	45%
	College graduate	17%	36%	47%
Race	White	13%	42%	44%
	Non White	20%	24%	56%
Religion	Protestant	16%	37%	47%
	Catholic	13%	43%	44%
	Jewish	20%	29%	51%
Age	18 to 29	20%	18%	62%
	30 to 44	14%	38%	48%
	45 to 59	14%	43%	43%
	60 or older	13%	46%	41%
Age	Under 45	16%	31%	53%
	45 or older	14%	44%	42%
Gender	Men	16%	39%	45%
	Women	14%	40%	46%

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		Registered Voters		
		How long do you think the current economic crisis will last:		
		Less than 6 months	6 months to a year	More than one year
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		2%	21%	77%
Party Registration	Democrat	3%	22%	76%
	Republican	1%	20%	79%
	Non-enrolled	2%	22%	76%
Political Ideology	Liberal	2%	22%	76%
	Moderate	3%	22%	76%
	Conservative	0%	18%	81%
Region	New York City	2%	22%	76%
	Suburbs	2%	23%	76%
	Upstate	2%	20%	79%
Income	less \$50,000	3%	20%	77%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	1%	24%	75%
	\$100,000 or more	2%	18%	80%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	3%	20%	77%
	\$50,000 or more	1%	21%	77%
Education	Not college graduate	2%	23%	75%
	College graduate	1%	20%	79%
Race	White	2%	20%	78%
	Non White	2%	26%	72%
Religion	Protestant	3%	21%	76%
	Catholic	1%	20%	79%
	Jewish	4%	19%	77%
Age	18 to 29	4%	37%	59%
	30 to 44	0%	17%	83%
	45 to 59	3%	19%	78%
	60 or older	1%	19%	79%
Age	Under 45	1%	24%	75%
	45 or older	2%	19%	79%
Gender	Men	2%	25%	73%
	Women	2%	17%	81%

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		Registered Voters		
		In the coming year, do you expect your personal family finances to get better, get worse, or stay about the same?		
		Get better	Get worse	Stay about the same
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		24%	20%	56%
Party Registration	Democrat	25%	16%	59%
	Republican	16%	28%	56%
	Non-enrolled	30%	19%	51%
Political Ideology	Liberal	22%	17%	61%
	Moderate	27%	19%	54%
	Conservative	21%	23%	56%
Region	New York City	31%	15%	54%
	Suburbs	21%	22%	57%
	Upstate	21%	22%	57%
Income	less \$50,000	21%	25%	54%
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	\$100,000 or more	24%	16%	60%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	21%	25%	54%
	\$50,000 or more	25%	17%	58%
Education	Not college graduate	23%	25%	52%
	College graduate	24%	15%	61%
Race	White	20%	20%	60%
	Non White	39%	17%	43%
Religion	Protestant	28%	14%	57%
	Catholic	19%	25%	56%
	Jewish	23%	11%	66%
Age	18 to 29	42%	19%	39%
	30 to 44	31%	20%	49%
	45 to 59	23%	20%	57%
	60 or older	10%	20%	70%
Age	Under 45	35%	19%	46%
	45 or older	17%	20%	63%
Gender	Men	27%	19%	54%
	Women	20%	21%	59%

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