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Siena College Poll:

Cuomo's Favorability, Job Performance & Re-Elect Ratings Erode a Little More; Voters Continue to Say He Should Not Resign, 51-37%

NYers Continue to Approve Cuomo's Handling of Pandemic Nearly 2-to-1 (60-32%); By 44-22% They Say Cuomo Has Committed Sexual Harassment

Voters Divided on Budget – 38% Say Good for NY, 36% Say Bad for NY; Overwhelming Support (72-20%) for Millionaire's Tax, Strong Support (57-36%) for Legalized Pot; Support (53-39%) for 'Excluded Workers Fund'

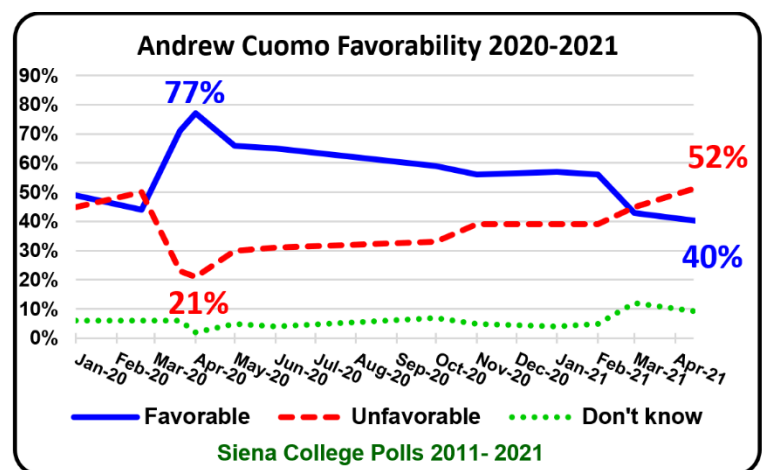
Loudonville, NY. Governor Andrew Cuomo's favorability, job performance and re-elect ratings all continued to head in a downward trend, as his favorability rating is now negative 40-52 percent, down from 43-45 percent in March and 56-39 percent in February. At the same time, a majority of New Yorkers continue to say both that he should not resign, 51-37 percent (50-35 percent in April), and that he can effectively do his job as governor, 52-38 percent (48-34 percent last month).

Voters approve of Cuomo's handling of the pandemic, 60-32 percent, virtually unchanged from 60-33 percent last month. By a 44-22 percent margin, voters think Cuomo has committed sexual harassment, with 34 percent undecided. Last month, a plurality, 41 percent, were undecided, with voters thinking he had 35-24 percent.

“Voters to Andrew Cuomo: ‘we’ve got some good news and some bad news.’ On the one hand, his favorability rating is now the lowest it has ever been, with more than 50 percent of voters viewing Cuomo unfavorably for the very first time in a Siena College poll. On the other hand, a majority of voters – including Democrats by two-to-one and a plurality of independents – continue to say that Cuomo should not resign, and a similar majority say he can still

effectively do his job as governor,” said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg.

Cuomo's job performance rating is negative 42-56 percent, down from 46-52 percent in March and 51-47 percent in February. Right now, 33 percent are prepared to re-elect Cuomo next year if he runs, compared to 57 percent who prefer ‘someone else,’ down from 34-52 percent in March and 46-45 percent in February.



“While the erosion in Cuomo’s favorability, job performance and re-elect ratings was not as large in April – falling between six and 10 points – as it was in March – falling between 10 and 19 points – his ratings continue to push further into negative territory,” Greenberg said. “Interestingly, since February, on all three measures, there was virtually no movement among Republicans, who already had Cuomo at very low levels. There was significant downward movement by independents and the largest drop was among Democrats.

“In February, Democrats were prepared to re-elect Cuomo 65-26 percent. Today, Democrats say they would re-elect Cuomo next year by the narrowest of margins, 46-43 percent,” Greenberg said. “At the same time, by a margin of 85-7 percent, Democrats say they want to see a Democrat win in next year’s gubernatorial election, as do all voters by a 52-32 percent margin.

“Cuomo’s favorability rating among Democrats today, 56-37 percent, is down significantly from 78-18 percent in February. That said, Democrats continue to overwhelmingly approve of the job Cuomo is doing to address the pandemic, 78-16 percent, little changed from 83-12 percent approval in February,” Greenberg said. “Democrats also still give Cuomo strong grades on four aspects of his handling of the pandemic – vaccine rollout, reopening plans, communicating with New Yorkers, and providing accurate information. Democrats join Republicans and independents in giving Cuomo negative grades for his handling of making nursing home patient death data public.

Rating Governor Cuomo’s Handling of the Pandemic				
		April 2021	March 2021	Feb. 2021
Do you approve or disapprove of the job Andrew Cuomo is doing to address the COVID-19 pandemic?	Approve	60%	60%	61%
	Disapprove	32%	33%	34%
Specific Issues Related to Gov’s Handling of Pandemic				
Communicating with the people of New York	Ex/Good	62%	62%	67%
	Fair/Poor	37%	36%	33%
Managing ongoing vaccine rollout, recognizing the Gov. does not control the number of vaccines NY receives	Ex/Good	56%	54%	48%
	Fair/Poor	39%	39%	49%
Providing accurate information during the course of the pandemic	Ex/Good	51%	53%	61%
	Fair/Poor	47%	44%	36%
Implementing the right plans for reopening New York	Ex/Good	49%	52%	48%
	Fair/Poor	48%	45%	50%
Making public all data about COVID-related deaths of nursing home patients	Ex/Good	24%	27%	39%
	Fair/Poor	70%	66%	55%
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“While voters continue to say Cuomo should not resign and can continue to operate effectively, a clear plurality of voters now say they believe Cuomo has committed sexual harassment, including Republicans by 39 points, independents by 29 points and Democrats by nine points, as well as men by 23 points and women by 20 points,” Greenberg said. “Last month, a plurality of all those demographic groups, except Republicans, were undecided on whether or not Cuomo had committed sexual harassment.”

New Yorkers Divided on Budget; Support to Overwhelming Support for Three Headline Issues

When asked whether the state budget and new laws that were recently passed would, overall, be good or bad for New Yorkers like them, 38 percent said they will be good and 36 percent said bad. By a margin of 72-20 percent, voters approve of increasing tax rates on millionaires. They approve of legalizing the recreational use of marijuana 57-36 percent. And they approve of the \$2.1 billion in assistance to workers, including undocumented immigrants, who lost employment during the pandemic but were ineligible for federal aid.

“Collectively, New Yorkers are divided when it comes to whether the recently concluded budget process will be good or bad for people like them. Democrats overwhelmingly think the budget will be good for New Yorkers like them while Republicans even more overwhelmingly think it will be bad, and independents agree with Republicans that the budget will be bad for New Yorkers like them, two-to-one,” Greenberg said.

“Some of the specific proposals passed enjoy widespread support. Raising the tax on millionaires has support from 86 percent of Democrats and 68 percent of independents. Even Republicans support it 47-40 percent,” Greenberg said. “Despite Republican opposition to legalizing marijuana, Democrats and independents strongly support it. The new ‘excluded workers fund’ included in the budget has 71 percent support from Democrats, 68 percent opposition from Republicans, while independents are closely divided, supporting it 48-45 percent.”

Odds & Ends

- Rep. Lee Zeldin, the first declared 2022 Republican gubernatorial candidate, has an 18-17 percent favorability rating, comparable to Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul’s 18-13 percent favorability rating.
- President Joe Biden has a 62-33 percent favorability rating, down slightly from 64-30 percent in March. His job performance rating is 53-45 percent, also down slightly from last month’s 54-41 percent.
- Not quite as optimistic about the end of the pandemic this month, 60 percent think the worst of the pandemic is over, compared to 27 percent who say the worst is still to come. Last month it was 62-25 percent.
- Sixty percent of voters say they have been vaccinated, with another 23 percent planning to. Only 14 percent of voters say they don’t plan to get the vaccinated, down from 21 percent in March and 25 percent in January.
- Both houses of the Legislature saw their favorability rating drop this month. The Senate has a 46-32 percent favorability rating, down from 50-28 percent. The Assembly has a 42-30 rating, down from 49-25 percent.

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This Siena College Poll was conducted April 11-15, 2021 among 801 New York State registered voters with 501 voters contacted through a dual frame (landline and cell phone) mode and 300 responses drawn from a proprietary online panel (Lucid) of New Yorkers. Telephone calls were conducted in English and respondent sampling was initiated by asking for the youngest person in the household. Telephone sampling was conducted via a stratified dual frame probability sample of landline (ASDE) and cell phone (Dynata) telephone numbers within New York State weighted to reflect known population patterns. Data from both collection modes (phone and web) was merged and statistically adjusted by age, party by region, race/ethnicity, education, and gender to ensure representativeness. It has an overall margin of error of ± 4.3 percentage points including the design effects resulting from weighting. The Siena College Research Institute, directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D., conducts political, economic, social, and cultural research primarily in NYS. SCRI, an independent, non-partisan research institute, subscribes to the American Association of Public Opinion Research Code of Professional Ethics and Practices. For more information, call Steve Greenberg at (518) 469-9858. For survey crosstabs: www.Siena.edu/SCRI/SNY.



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Q. 1 Is New York State on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

DATE	RIGHT TRACK	WRONG DIRECTION	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	49	40	12
March 2021	48	38	14
February 2021	48	41	11
January 2021	50	40	10
November 2020	50	37	13
October 2020*	46	34	20
June 2020	52	38	10
May 2020	56	34	10
April 2020	65	28	7
March 2020	56	27	17
February 2020	41	46	13
HIGHEST EVER	65 (4/20)	76 (10/31/10)	30 (1/07)
LOWEST EVER	14 (10/10)	26 (1/07)	7 (4/20, 2/17, 5/13)

Q. 2 Is the United States on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

DATE	RIGHT TRACK	WRONG DIRECTION	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	45	45	10
March 2021	50	41	10
February 2021	49	42	9
January 2021	31	59	10
November 2020	38	48	14
October 2020*	24	62	14
June 2020	28	64	8
May 2020	35	56	9
April 2020	34	60	6
March 2020	42	47	11
February 2020	38	55	7
HIGHEST EVER	62 (5/09)	74 (10/13, 8/11)	17 (9/08)
LOWEST EVER	19 (10/13, 10/08)	24 (12/09)	5 (1/13)

Q. 3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	33	64	4
March 2021	31	66	3
February 2021	26	67	6
January 2021	30	66	5
November 2020	33	64	4
October 2020*	29	66	5
June 2020	33	62	5
May 2020	32	63	5
April 2020	31	66	2
March 2020	35	59	5
February 2020	36	61	3
HIGHEST EVER	41 (12/16)	72 (8/16)	10 (10/13)
LOWEST EVER	24 (8/16)	53 (12/16)	2 (4/20, 9/15)

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Q. 4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Joe Biden?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	62	33	5
March 2021	64	30	5
February 2021	65	29	5
January 2021	62	32	6
November 2020	63	31	6
October 2020*	62	33	6
June 2020	53	39	8
May 2020	51	40	9
April 2020	60	36	4
March 2020	51	40	9
February 2020	45	47	7
HIGHEST EVER	65 (2/21)	47 (2/20)	28 (9/08)
LOWEST EVER	45 (2/20)	26 (9/08)	4 (4/20)

Q. 5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Cuomo?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	40	52	9
March 2021	43	45	12
February 2021	56	39	5
January 2021	57	39	4
November 2020	56	39	5
October 2020*	59	33	7
June 2020	65	31	4
May 2020	66	30	5
April 2020	77	21	2
March 2020	71	23	6
February 2020	44	50	6
HIGHEST EVER	77 (4/20, 2/11)	52 (4/21)	24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07)
LOWEST EVER	40 (4/21)	14 (8/09)	2 (4/20)

Q. 6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Assembly?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	42	30	28
March 2021	49	25	26
February 2021	45	31	24
January 2021	48	28	24
November 2020	47	28	25
June 2020	45	30	25
April 2020	57	29	14
February 2020	46	36	18
HIGHEST EVER	57 (4/20)	61 (7/10)	28 (4/21)
LOWEST EVER	25 (7/10)	25 (3/21)	10 (5/15)

Q. 7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	46	32	22
March 2021	50	28	22
February 2021	47	33	20
January 2021	51	30	19
November 2020	50	31	18
June 2020	45	34	21
April 2020	58	31	11
February 2020	46	39	14
HIGHEST EVER	58 (4/20)	74 (7/09)	22 (4/21, 3/21)
LOWEST EVER	20 (7/09)	28 (3/21)	6 (7/09)

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Q. 8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Chuck Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	49	38	14
March 2021	49	35	16
February 2021	49	39	12
January 2021	45	39	16
November 2020	45	39	16
April 2020	55	39	6
March 2020	52	38	9
February 2020	54	38	9
HIGHEST EVER	70 (7/05)	46 (2/19)	17 (2/05)
LOWEST EVER	45 (1/21, 11/20)	20 (2/05, 11/06)	4 (10/31/10)

Q. 9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Letitia James?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	39	17	44
March 2021	40	14	46
February 2021	36	17	47
January 2021	35	17	48
November 2020	33	17	49
January 2020	36	15	49
HIGHEST EVER	40 (3/21)	18 (8/19, 4/19, 1/19)	70 (6/18)
LOWEST EVER	20 (6/18)	10 (10/18, 6/18)	43 (1/19)

Q. 10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kathy Hochul?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	18	13	69
March 2021	23	14	64
HIGHEST EVER	23 (3/21)	14 (3/21)	64 (3/21)
LOWEST EVER	23 (3/21)	14 (3/21)	64 (3/21)

Q.12 How would you rate the job that Joe Biden is doing as President? Would you rate it as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	24	29	20	25	2
March 2021	28	26	18	23	4
February 2021	24	31	17	21	6
HIGHEST EVER	28 (3/21)	31 (2/21)	20 (4/21)	25 (4/21)	6 (2/21)
LOWEST EVER	24 (4/21, 2/21)	26 (3/21)	17 (2/21)	21 (2/21)	2 (4/21)

Q. 13 How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing as Governor? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	10	32	22	34	1
March 2021	17	29	22	30	3
February 2021	18	33	20	27	2
January 2021	24	32	15	27	2
November 2020	23	31	18	27	1
October 2020*	30	31	18	20	1
June 2020	27	35	17	20	1
May 2020	29	34	18	18	1
April 2020	37	34	18	10	1
March 2020	27	36	22	13	1
February 2020	8	28	32	31	1
HIGHEST EVER	37 (4/20)	47 (4/12, etc.)	40 (6/16, 7/15, 12/14)	34 (4/21)	28 (1/11)
LOWEST EVER	5 (9/16)	27 (2/19)	15 (1/21)	4 (2/11, 1/11)	0 (2/16, 5/15, 10/14)

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Q. 14 If Andrew Cuomo runs for re-election as governor in 2022, as things stand now, would you vote to re-elect Cuomo or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	RE-ELECT CUOMO	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	33	57	10
March 2021	34	52	14
February 2021	46	45	10
January 2021	48	42	10
November 2020	51	42	7
HIGHEST EVER	51 (11/20)	57 (4/21)	14 (3/21)
LOWEST EVER	33 (4/21)	42 (1/21, 11/20)	7 (11/20)

Q. 15 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Andrew Cuomo is doing to address the coronavirus, or COVID-19, pandemic? ^

DATE	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	MIXED/DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	60	32	8
March 2021	60	33	6
February 2021	61	34	5
January 2021	63	32	6
November 2020	63	30	7
October 2020*	73	24	3
June 2020	76	21	4
May 2020	76	21	3
April 2020	84	15	1
March 2020	87	11	2
HIGHEST EVER	87 (3/20)	34 (2/21)	8 (4/21)
LOWEST EVER	60 (4/21, 3/21)	11 (3/20)	1 (4/20)

Q. 16 How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing handling the pandemic: Communicating with the people of New York? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	28	34	17	20	2
March 2021	29	33	19	17	2
February 2021	37	30	14	19	1
June 2020	54	27	12	7	0
May 2020	56	25	11	7	1
HIGHEST EVER	56 (5/20)	34 (4/21)	19 (3/21)	20 (4/21)	2 (4/21, 3/21)
LOWEST EVER	28 (4/21)	25 (5/20)	11 (5/20)	7 (6/20, 5/20)	0 (6/20)

Q. 17 How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing handling the pandemic: Providing accurate information during the course of the pandemic? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	20	31	21	26	2
March 2021	24	29	18	26	3
February 2021	28	33	14	22	3
HIGHEST EVER	28 (2/21)	33 (2/21)	21 (4/21)	26 (4/21, 3/21)	3 (3/21, 2/21)
LOWEST EVER	20 (4/21)	29 (3/21)	14 (2/21)	22 (2/21)	2 (4/21)

Q. 18 How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing handling the pandemic: Making public all data about COVID-related deaths of nursing home patients? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	8	16	18	52	6
March 2021	11	16	20	46	6
February 2021	15	24	21	34	7
HIGHEST EVER	15 (2/21)	24 (2/21)	21 (2/21)	52 (4/21)	7 (2/21)
LOWEST EVER	8 (4/21)	16 (4/21, 3/21)	18 (4/21)	34 (2/21)	6 (4/21, 3/21)

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Q. 19 How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing handling the pandemic: Implementing the right plans for reopening New York? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	14	35	20	28	3
March 2021	19	33	20	25	3
February 2021	17	31	20	30	3
June 2020	32	38	19	10	2
May 2020	30	34	19	15	2
HIGHEST EVER	32 (6/20)	38 (6/20)	20 (4/21, 3/21, 2/21)	30 (2/21)	3 (4/21, 3/21, 2/21)
LOWEST EVER	14 (4/21)	31 (2/21)	19 (6/20, 5/20)	10 (6/20)	2 (6/20, 5/20)

Q. 20 How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing handling the pandemic: Managing the ongoing vaccine rollout, recognizing the Governor does not control the number of vaccines New York receives? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	18	38	22	17	5
March 2021	19	35	22	17	7
February 2021	18	30	25	24	4
HIGHEST EVER	19 (3/21)	38 (4/21)	25 (2/21)	24 (2/21)	7 (3/21)
LOWEST EVER	18 (4/21, 2/21)	30 (2/21)	22 (4/21, 3/21)	17 (4/21, 3/21)	4 (2/21)

Q. 21 Switching gears, how much have you heard about the recent reporting of sexual harassment allegations against Governor Cuomo?

DATE	GREAT DEAL	SOME	NOT VERY MUCH	NOTHING	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	48	37	11	3	1
March 2021	40	30	12	6	4
HIGHEST EVER	48 (4/21)	37 (4/21)	12 (3/21)	6 (3/21)	4 (3/21)
LOWEST EVER	40 (3/21)	30 (3/21)	11 (4/21)	3 (4/21)	1 (4/21)

Q. 22 Based on what you know so far, do you think Cuomo should or should not immediately resign as governor?

DATE	SHOULD	SHOULD NOT	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	37	51	12
March 2021	35	50	15
HIGHEST EVER	37 (4/21)	51 (4/21)	15 (3/21)
LOWEST EVER	35 (3/21)	50 (3/21)	12 (4/21)

Q. 23 Do you think Cuomo has or has not committed sexual harassment?

DATE	HAS	HAS NOT	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	44	22	34
March 2021	35	24	41
HIGHEST EVER	44 (4/21)	24 (3/21)	41 (3/21)
LOWEST EVER	35 (3/21)	22 (4/21)	34 (4/21)

Q. 24 Cuomo has offered an apology for his actions and said he and his office will fully cooperate with an independent investigation. Are you satisfied with the way Cuomo has addressed the allegations or not?

DATE	SATISFIED	NOT SATISFIED	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	53	36	11
March 2021	57	32	11
HIGHEST EVER	57 (3/21)	36 (4/21)	11 (4/21, 3/21)
LOWEST EVER	53 (4/21)	32 (3/21)	11 (4/21, 3/21)

Q. 25 Given the various investigations that Andrew Cuomo is facing, do you think he can or cannot effectively do his job as governor?

DATE	CAN	CANNOT	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	52	38	10
March 2021	48	34	18
HIGHEST EVER	52 (4/21)	38 (4/21)	18 (3/21)
LOWEST EVER	48 (3/21)	34 (3/21)	10 (4/21)

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Q. 30 Do you think that the worst of the coronavirus pandemic is over, or do you think the worst of the coronavirus pandemic is still to come?

DATE	WORST OVER	WORST TO COME	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	60	27	13
March 2021	65	23	13
February 2021	46	36	18
January 2021	31	55	14
HIGHEST EVER	65 (3/21)	55 (1/21)	18 (2/21)
LOWEST EVER	31 (1/21)	23 (3/21)	13 (4/21, 3/21)

Q. 31/32 Have you gotten vaccinated for COVID-19? Do you plan to get vaccinated for COVID-19, or not? *(Asked among only those who have not been vaccinated.)*

DATE	VACCINATED	PLAN TO GET VACCINATED	NOT PLANNING TO GET VACCINATED	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2021	60	23	14	3
March 2021	36	40	21	2
February 2021	16	59	22	3
January 2021	7	64	25	4
HIGHEST EVER	60 (4/21)	64 (1/21)	25 (1/21)	4 (1/21)
LOWEST EVER	7 (1/21)	23 (4/21)	14 (4/21)	2 (3/21)

Poll Trend Notes: * All surveys are of registered voters except for the following polls: October 2020; June thru November 2018; November 2017; September thru November 2016; July thru October 2014; August/October 2012; October 2010; September/October 2008; and September/October 2006, which are polls of likely voters.

Trends reflect questions asked at least twice since the first Siena College Poll in February 2005.

Results listed here include all times questions have been asked since February 2020.

“Highest Ever” and “Lowest Ever” are provided at the bottom of each question.

^ Inconsequential wording change.

