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## Siena College Poll:

### **While NYers Strongly Support New Bail Law Changes, Only 1/3 Think They Will Decrease Crime; 38% Say They'll Have No Effect**

Voters Overwhelmingly Approve of Suspending NYS Gas Tax Through 2022; Nearly as Strongly Disapprove of the State's \$600M for a New Bills Stadium; Modest Approval for Bond Act, To-Go Drinks, NYC Casinos

### ***Hochul's Overall Job Rating Plunges; Specific Ratings Low, Particularly Crime & Economic Issues – Voters' Top Concerns Looking to November***

Loudonville, NY. By 67-14%, voters support recent actions by the Governor and Legislature to amend the 2019 bail law, including strong majorities from every party, region, race, and gender. However, 38% say the amended bail law will have no effect on the crime rate, compared to 32% who say it will decrease the crime rate and 16% who say it will increase it, according to a new Siena College poll of registered New York State voters.

Voters overwhelmingly approve of the state suspending its 16 cents/gallon gas tax through December, 73-16%. They disapprove, 63-24%, of the state contributing \$600 million towards a new stadium for the Buffalo Bills. Voters approve the \$4.2 billion environmental bond act being on the ballot, 52-24%, legalizing the sale of to-go drinks by bars and restaurants, 50-38%, and moving forward on three New York City area casinos, 46-35%.

Governor Kathy Hochul's favorability rating, 44-34%, is virtually unchanged from 45-35% last month. Her overall job performance rating is *negative* 36-57%, down from 43-53% last month. On five specific job performance ratings, between 54% and 69% give her a negative rating, including 69% on crime and 63% on economic issues. Crime and economic issues (jobs, inflation, taxes, etc.) were by far the top issues mentioned by voters as the most important to them in deciding which gubernatorial candidate to support in November.

"The changes the Governor and Legislature made to the bail law – including giving judges more discretion on setting bail in certain instances – enjoy strong support from voters across the board, with at least 58% of voters of every party, region and race supporting the changes," said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg.

"On whether voters think these changes will affect the crime rate – by better than two-to-one, they think the 2019 bail law resulted in an increase in crime – the jury is still out," Greenberg said. "While twice as many voters think the changes will decrease rather than increase crime, a plurality says the changes won't affect the crime rate."

<b>Bail Reform: Good or Bad for New York State</b>					
Three years ago, New York passed a law eliminating monetary bail for people facing misdemeanor and non-violent felony charges. Do you think this law has been good for New York or bad for New York? *					
		<b>Total</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind/ Other</b>
April 2022	Good for NY	34%	<b>50%</b>	10%	28%
	Bad for NY	<b>54%</b>	36%	<b>84%</b>	<b>61%</b>
March 2022	Good for NY	30%	<b>46%</b>	9%	25%
	Bad for NY	<b>56%</b>	38%	<b>84%</b>	<b>61%</b>
January 2020	Good for NY	37%	<b>53%</b>	15%	29%
	Bad for NY	<b>49%</b>	34%	<b>78%</b>	<b>56%</b>
April 2019	Good for NY	<b>55%</b>	<b>64%</b>	34%	<b>60%</b>
	Bad for NY	38%	31%	<b>55%</b>	38%
* January 2020: Last year, New York passed a law eliminating monetary bail for people facing misdemeanor and non-violent felony charges. Do you think this law is good for New York or bad for New York? April 2019: I'm going to ask you about several provisions included in the recently passed state budget and I want you to tell me if you think these new laws passed as part of the budget will be good for New York or bad for New York: Eliminating monetary bail for people facing misdemeanor and non-violent felony charges.					
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“While the original bail reform law is still viewed as bad for the state, 54-34%, down a little from 56-30% last month, that largely depends on which side of the aisle you sit on. The overwhelming majority of Republicans and independents continue to say the law has been bad for the state, and Democrats, by a narrower but growing margin say the law has been good for New York.”

**Gas Tax Suspension? Big Yes. Bills Stadium? Big No. Yes on Bond Act, To-Go Drinks, NYC Casinos**

<b>New Laws Passed by Governor &amp; Legislature</b>					
For each new law passed by the Governor and the Legislature, tell me whether you approve or disapprove of that new law.					
		<b>Total</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind/ Other</b>
Suspending NYS gas tax of 16 cents per gallon	Approve	<b>73%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>66%</b>
	Disapprove	16%	13%	19%	20%
Authorizing 4.2 billion bond act to be on the Nov ballot	Approve	<b>52%</b>	<b>63%</b>	31%	<b>48%</b>
	Disapprove	24%	15%	<b>45%</b>	22%
Legalizing the sale of to go drinks	Approve	<b>50%</b>	<b>57%</b>	39%	<b>48%</b>
	Disapprove	38%	32%	<b>48%</b>	37%
Awarding three commercial casino licenses for NYC	Approve	<b>46%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>41%</b>	39%
	Disapprove	35%	31%	35%	<b>40%</b>
NYS contributing \$600 million for the new Buffalo Bills stadium	Approve	24%	28%	19%	22%
	Disapprove	<b>63%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>64%</b>
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“For New Yorkers, reducing the gas tax appears to be in the same category as mom and apple pie. At least two-thirds of voters of every demographic group – party, region, age, gender, race, income, religion, ideology – approve of the state suspending its share of the gas tax between June and December,” Greenberg said.

“Also uniting voters is their disapproval of the state kicking in \$600 million for a new Buffalo Bills stadium. It’s opposed by at least 55% of every demographic group,” Greenberg said. “Interestingly, upstaters are even less approving than downstaters of the stadium deal and are also less supportive of three New York City area casinos.”

**Hochul Job Performance Rating Falls; Specific Job Performance Ratings Weak, Even with Democrats**

“Hochul’s overall job performance rating, the worst it’s ever been, is 21 points under water, after being 11 points under water last month and just two points under water at the start of the year. As they have all year, Republicans give her an abysmal job performance rating, while independents also continue to give her a decidedly negative rating. Democrats are still positive, 55-42%, although that’s down from 63-33% last month,” Greenberg said.

“On two top-of-mind concerns for voters – crime and economic issues – voters give Hochul even lower grades. On fighting crime, only 24% of all voters and 37% of Democrats give her a positive rating, compared to 69% and 58%, respectively, who rate her as doing only a poor or fair job. Addressing economic issues, 63% of all voters and 48% of Democrats give her a negative rating,” Greenberg said. “On delivering on her pledge to restore trust in government, voters rate Hochul’s performance negatively 29-65%, even Democrats, 43-52%.

“Overall, 45% of voters say they’d vote for ‘someone else’ in November if Hochul is the Democratic nominee, while 40% are prepared to elect her to a full term. Democrats, however, would elect her to a full term 62-27%, down from 71-20% last month,” Greenberg said. “One bright spot in this month’s numbers for Hochul is her favorability rating, which remains consistent – between 42% and 46% positive every month since September – and positive. Among Democrats, her favorability rating is 60-16%, far better than her primary opponents.”

**Crime & Key Economic Issues Will Dominate Voters’ Decisions on Who they Support for Governor**

“One-quarter of voters say that crime will be the single most important issue in determining which candidate gets their support for governor in November. While taxes/fiscal responsibility finished a distant second, identified by 9%, all economic issues combined – including jobs, inflation, and the cost of living – are also identified by one-quarter of voters as the most important issue,” Greenberg said. “Integrity/ethics (7%) is the only other non-economic issue identified by more than 3% of voters as the most important in deciding their gubernatorial vote.

“There are some demographic differences – such as about one-third of Black, Latino and New York City voters identifying crime as the top issue, significantly higher than white voters and those from outside New York City. However, crime and economic issues were identified as the top issue by between 43% and 57% of voters of every region, party, and race,” Greenberg said.

**Voters Glum on the Direction NYS & USA Are Headed; Not Optimistic About Post-Pandemic Finances**

Voters say the state is headed in the wrong direction 52-36%, from 49-40% wrong direction last month. They say the country is also headed in the wrong direction, 57-34%, from 57-36% last month.

Asked about expectations for their household finances when the pandemic is no longer a threat, a small plurality, 42%, expect to be in a similar financial position as before the pandemic; 36% say the pandemic has seriously hurt their financial position; and 19% think they’ll emerge from the pandemic financially stronger.

“The last time voters were more pessimistic about the direction of the state than they are today was in David Paterson’s last month as governor, December 2010, when voters thought the state was headed in the wrong direction 60-29%,” Greenberg said. “Only slightly more than one-third of New Yorkers say the state is on the right track, and a similar number say the country is on the right track. The vast majority of those ‘optimists’ are Democrats. While Republicans and independents overwhelmingly say both are headed in the wrong direction, Democrats say the country is on the right track 48-40% and the state is on the right track 53-33%.

“While four in ten New Yorkers expect their post-pandemic household finances to be comparable to before the virus hit, among those who expect a change in their finances, nearly twice as many say that the pandemic seriously hurt their finances, rather than emerging from the pandemic financially stronger,” Greenberg said.

### **Odds & Ends**

- President Joe Biden’s favorability rating ticked up to 51-45%, from 50-46% last month. His job performance rating, however, took a major hit and is now negative 36-62%, down from 42-57% last month, within a point of his worst ever job performance rating, in February.
- With nine weeks until the Democratic and Republican gubernatorial primaries, most of the candidates – excepting Hochul (and Andrew Giuliani, based on his last name) – remain largely unknown to a wide swath of voters, even voters in their own party:
  - Kathy Hochul: 44-34% favorability rating with all voters (45-35% in March), and 60-16% with Democrats (67-17% in March)
  - Jumaane Williams: 24-20% overall (24-19%), 38-14% with Democrats (40-13%)
  - Tom Suozzi: 21-18% overall (20-18%), 26-16% with Democrats (25-16%)
  - Andrew Giuliani: 26-48% overall (25-50%), 38-31% with Republicans (46-29%)
  - Lee Zeldin: 22-19% overall (20-20%), 36-14% with Republicans (35-12%)
  - Rob Astorino: 18-20% overall (21-18%), 23-16% with Republicans (33-10%)
  - Harry Wilson: 12-11% overall (13-9%), 13-12% with Republicans (13-9%)

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This Siena College Poll was conducted April 18-21, 2022, among 806 New York State registered voters with 506 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  $\pm 3.9$  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](http://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 2022	36	52	12
March 2022	40	49	11
February 2022	41	45	14
January 2022	41	43	16
December 2021	41	45	15
October 2021	44	43	13
September 2021	48	37	16
June 2021	48	38	13
May 2021	48	40	11
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>65 (4/20)</b>	<b>76 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>30 (1/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>14 (10/10)</b>	<b>26 (1/07)</b>	<b>7 (4/20, 2/17, 5/13)</b>

**Q. 2** How would you describe the fiscal condition of New York State right now? Would you describe it as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2022	5	21	32	36	5
February 2022	7	19	35	35	5
September 2021	7	23	35	32	4
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>7 (2/22, 9/21)</b>	<b>29 (7/14)</b>	<b>49 (8/12)</b>	<b>67 (3/22/10)</b>	<b>7 (1/19)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>0 (many)</b>	<b>6 (3/22/10, etc.)</b>	<b>25 (3/22/10)</b>	<b>21 (12/16)</b>	<b>0 (4/11, etc.)</b>

**Q. 3** 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 2022	34	57	10
March 2022	36	57	8
February 2022	34	57	9
January 2022	31	57	12
December 2021	34	56	10
October 2021	35	54	12
September 2021	40	48	12
June 2021	45	44	11
May 2021	46	43	10
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>62 (5/09)</b>	<b>74 (10/13, 8/11)</b>	<b>17 (9/08)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>19 (10/13, 10/08)</b>	<b>24 (12/09)</b>	<b>5 (1/13)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2022	51	45	4
March 2022	50	46	4
February 2022	48	48	4
January 2022	52	42	6
December 2021	52	44	4
October 2021	51	44	5
September 2021	57	37	6
June 2021	63	34	3
May 2021	62	34	4
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>65 (2/21)</b>	<b>48 (2/22)</b>	<b>28 (9/08)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>45 (2/20)</b>	<b>26 (9/08)</b>	<b>3 (2/21)</b>

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**Q. 5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kathy Hochul?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2022	44	34	22
March 2022	45	35	20
February 2022	46	32	22
January 2022	45	29	25
December 2021	42	28	30
October 2021	42	26	32
September 2021	42	17	41
April 2021	18	13	69
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>46 (2/22)</b>	<b>35 (3/22)</b>	<b>69 (4/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>18 (4/21)</b>	<b>13 (4/21)</b>	<b>20 (3/22)</b>

**Q. 6** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2022	34	61	6
March 2022	34	61	5
February 2022	35	59	6
January 2022	33	61	6
December 2021	36	58	6
October 2021	37	59	3
September 2021	33	61	6
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>41 (12/16)</b>	<b>72 (8/16)</b>	<b>10 (10/13)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>24 (8/16)</b>	<b>53 (12/16)</b>	<b>2 (4/20, 9/15)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2022	40	38	23
February 2022	40	37	23
January 2022	45	32	23
September 2021	45	30	24
June 2021	45	29	25
May 2021	46	32	22
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>57 (4/20)</b>	<b>61 (7/10)</b>	<b>28 (4/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>25 (7/10)</b>	<b>25 (3/21)</b>	<b>10 (5/15)</b>

**Q. 8** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2022	37	42	21
February 2022	44	39	17
January 2022	45	36	19
September 2021	46	33	21
June 2021	48	33	18
May 2021	47	34	18
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>58 (4/20)</b>	<b>74 (7/09)</b>	<b>22 (4/21, 3/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>20 (7/09)</b>	<b>28 (3/21)</b>	<b>6 (7/09)</b>

**Q. 9** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Jumaane Williams?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2022	24	20	56
March 2022	24	19	57
February 2022	25	17	59
January 2022	26	15	59
December 2021	23	17	59
October 2021	25	13	62
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>26 (1/22)</b>	<b>20 (4/22)</b>	<b>62 (10/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>23 (12/21)</b>	<b>13 (10/21)</b>	<b>56 (4/22)</b>

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**Q. 10** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Tom Suozzi?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2022	21	18	61
March 2022	20	18	62
February 2022	17	16	66
January 2022	20	18	62
December 2021	20	15	65
April 2008	21	15	64
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>28 (8/06)</b>	<b>18 (4/22, 3/22, 1/22)</b>	<b>70 (1/06)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>17 (2/22)</b>	<b>12 (1/06)</b>	<b>55 (8/06)</b>

**Q. 11** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Rob Astorino?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2022	18	20	62
March 2022	21	18	62
February 2022	18	14	67
January 2022	19	17	64
December 2021	16	15	69
October 2021	17	16	67
September 2021	17	15	68
May 2021	20	15	65
October 2014*	32	41	27
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>32 (10/14)</b>	<b>41 (10/14)</b>	<b>76 (1/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>11 (2/14)</b>	<b>10 (1/14)</b>	<b>27 (10/14)</b>

**Q. 12** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Giuliani?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2022	26	48	25
March 2022	25	50	25
February 2022	28	47	25
January 2022	29	44	27
December 2021	30	46	24
October 2021	27	49	24
September 2021	29	42	29
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>30 (12/21)</b>	<b>50 (3/22)</b>	<b>29 (9/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>25 (3/22)</b>	<b>42 (9/21)</b>	<b>24 (12/21, 10/21)</b>

**Q. 13** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Lee Zeldin?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2022	22	19	59
March 2022	20	20	60
February 2022	18	20	62
January 2022	19	18	63
December 2021	20	17	63
October 2021	17	19	64
September 2021	18	15	67
May 2021	20	19	62
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>22 (4/22)</b>	<b>20 (3/22, 2/22)</b>	<b>67 (9/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>17 (10/21)</b>	<b>15 (9/21)</b>	<b>59 (4/22)</b>

**Q. 14** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Harry Wilson?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2022	12	11	77
March 2022	13	9	78
October 31, 2010*	21	18	60
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>21 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>18 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>89 (5/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>6 (5/10)</b>	<b>5 (5/10, 4/10)</b>	<b>60 (10/31/10)</b>

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**Q. 15** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Brian Benjamin?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2022	12	21	67
September 2021	15	9	75
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>15 (9/21)</b>	<b>21 (4/22)</b>	<b>75 (9/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>12 (4/22)</b>	<b>9 (9/21)</b>	<b>67 (4/22)</b>

**Q. 16** 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 2022	11	25	26	36	2
March 2022	14	28	19	38	1
February 2022	11	25	25	38	1
January 2022	11	28	26	34	0
December 2021	16	23	21	38	2
October 2021	13	27	24	34	1
September 2021	16	30	22	30	2
June 2021	22	30	20	26	1
May 2021	26	27	17	28	2
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>28 (3/21)</b>	<b>31 (2/21)</b>	<b>26 (4/22, 1/22)</b>	<b>38 (3/22, 2/22, 12/21)</b>	<b>6 (2/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>11 (4/22, etc.)</b>	<b>23 (12/21)</b>	<b>17 (5/21, 2/21)</b>	<b>21 (2/21)</b>	<b>0 (1/22)</b>

**Q. 17** How would you rate the job that Kathy Hochul is doing as Governor? Would you rate it as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2022	8	28	30	27	6
March 2022	9	33	30	23	5
February 2022	11	33	30	21	5
January 2022	12	33	29	18	9
December 2021	12	30	29	17	12
October 2021	9	34	26	19	12
September 2021	9	35	27	10	18
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>12 (1/22, 12/21)</b>	<b>35 (9/21)</b>	<b>30 (4/22, etc.)</b>	<b>27 (4/22)</b>	<b>18 (9/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>8 (4/22)</b>	<b>28 (4/22)</b>	<b>26 (10/21)</b>	<b>10 (9/21)</b>	<b>5 (3/22, 2/22)</b>

**Q. 23** If Kathy Hochul wins the primary for governor in June, and is the Democratic candidate for governor in 2022, as things stand now would you vote to elect Hochul as governor would you prefer someone else?

DATE	ELECT HOCHUL	SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2022	40	45	15
March 2022	43	43	14
February 2022	47	38	15
January 2022	48	36	16
December 2021	42	39	18
October 2021	45	37	18
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>48 (1/22)</b>	<b>45 (4/22)</b>	<b>18 (12/21, 10/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>40 (4/22)</b>	<b>36 (1/22)</b>	<b>14 (3/22)</b>

**Q. 24** Three years ago, New York passed a law eliminating monetary bail for people facing misdemeanor and non-violent felony charges. Do you think this law has been good for New York or bad for New York? <sup>^</sup> (**January 2020**: Last year, New York passed a law eliminating monetary bail for people facing misdemeanor and non-violent felony charges. Do you think this law is good for New York or bad for New York? **April 2019**: I'm going to ask you about several provisions included in the recently passed state budget and I want you to tell me if you think these new laws passed as part of the budget will be good for New York or bad for New York: Eliminating monetary bail for people facing misdemeanor and non-violent felony charges.)

DATE	GOOD FOR NY	BAD FOR NY	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION/OTHER
April 2022	34	54	12
March 2022	30	56	13
January 2020	37	49	13
April 2019	55	38	7
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>55 (4/19)</b>	<b>56 (3/22)</b>	<b>13 (3/22, 1/20)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>30 (3/22)</b>	<b>38 (4/19)</b>	<b>7 (4/19)</b>



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**Q. 25** Do you believe the bail law has resulted in an increase in crime or not?

DATE	HAS	HAS NOT	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2022	58	28	14
March 2022	64	24	13
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>64 (3/22)</b>	<b>28 (4/22)</b>	<b>14 (4/22)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>58 (4/22)</b>	<b>24 (3/22)</b>	<b>13 (3/22)</b>

**Q. 34** 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 2022	66	21	13
March 2022	69	18	13
February 2022	58	24	18
May 2021	69	19	11
April 2021	60	27	13
March 2021	65	23	13
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>69 (3/22, 5/21)</b>	<b>55 (1/21)</b>	<b>18 (2/22, 2/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>31 (1/21)</b>	<b>18 (3/22)</b>	<b>11 (5/21)</b>

**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 May 2021.

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

^ Inconsequential wording change.