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Siena College Poll:

Governor: Hochul – 52% Zeldin – 41%
US Senate: Schumer – 57% Pinion – 37%
Attorney General: James – 51% Henry – 40%
State Comptroller: DiNapoli – 54% Rodriguez – 30%
Control of US House: Dems – 54% Reps – 41%
Environmental Bond Act: Yes – 54% No – 26%

Loudonville, NY. Democratic Governor Kathy Hochul’s lead over Republican Rep. Lee Zeldin is now 11 points, down from 17 points three weeks ago. Hochul leads Zeldin 52-41%, down from 54-37% in September, according to a new Siena College Poll of likely New York State voters released today. The race for Attorney General also tightened, as Letitia James, the incumbent Democrat, now leads Republican Michael Henry 51-40%, down from 53-37% in September.

In the race for US Senator, incumbent Democrat Chuck Schumer leads Republican Joe Pinion 57-37%; last month it was 55-36%. And State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, also a Democrat, continues to have a big lead over Republican Paul Rodriguez, now 54-30%, little changed from 52-29% last month. Support for the \$4.2 billion environmental bond act remains strong, 54-26%, compared to 55-26% in September.

“Over the last three weeks, Zeldin has narrowed the deficit he must overcome from 17 points to 11 points in trying to become the first Republican in 20 years to win statewide. However, with three weeks to go, Hochul maintains the upper hand, based on the 84-10% support she gets from Democrats, who represent half of the state’s enrolled voters,” Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg said. “The good news for Zeldin is that he’s further solidified his Republican support, 81-12%, up from 77-17%, and has increased his lead among independents from three points to nine points, 49-40%.”

“Hochul maintains a commanding lead in New York City, 70-23%, however, her five-point lead in the downstate suburbs in September has turned into a four-point lead for Zeldin in October. Zeldin’s lead upstate is four points, up from one point in September,” Greenberg said. “Women continue to give Hochul a two-to-one lead, 61-32%, however, men have flipped and now favor Zeldin by five points, after favoring Hochul by four points last month. Hochul has an overwhelming 92-2% lead with Black voters, a 56-38% lead with Latinos, and white voters are virtually evenly divided, after favoring Hochul by 10 points in September.”

Hochul has a 45-41% favorability rating, down a little from 47-40% in September. Her job approval rating is also down a little to 52-45%, from 53-42% last month. Zeldin has a *negative* 37-41% favorability rating, compared to 31-33% in September. Only 21% of likely voters have no opinion about him, down from 36% last month.

“Two-thirds of Democrats continue to view Hochul favorably and she’s only underwater with independents by five points currently, compared to 15 points last month. However, after making some gains with Republicans last month, 23% viewed her favorably, Republicans now view Hochul unfavorably 15-77%,” Greenberg said. “Not surprisingly, Zeldin has become more well known to voters as the campaign has heated up. However, one in five voters still doesn’t have an opinion about him, and among those who do, he remains slightly underwater.

“While Democrats are bullish on the direction of the state, Republicans overwhelmingly, and independents by a wide margin are not. That works to Zeldin’s advantage, as does the fact that the issues most important to voters – at least as of three weeks ago – play more into the messaging of the Zeldin campaign rather than the Hochul campaign,” Greenberg said. “That said, Zeldin must still overcome a wide enrollment disadvantage, and must attract more than 10% of Democrats and 49% of independents to be successful in New York. Hochul maintains a double-digit lead and simply needs Democrats to vote. Simple in theory. Three weeks to go.”

James’ Lead for AG Tightens; Schumer & DiNapoli Maintain 20-Point Leads

“One of the main reasons Schumer and DiNapoli have wider leads than Hochul and James is independent voters. Independents favor Republicans Zeldin (9 points) and Henry (10 points), while favoring Democrats Schumer (8 points) and DiNapoli (12 points),” Greenberg said. “Pinion, Henry and Rodriguez all face similar challenges: they remain unknown to the vast majority of voters, they are underfunded and they are running against incumbents who have won a combined eight statewide races.”

Voters: Yes on Bond Act; Dems Should Control US House

“By a 54-26% margin, voters say they intend to vote yes on the \$4.2 billion environmental bond act on November’s ballot. That is virtually unchanged from 55-26% support last month,” Greenberg said. “New York voters want to see the Democrats retain control of the US House, 54-41%, little changed from 54-39% in September. Not surprisingly, 87% of Democrats and 85% of Republicans want to see their party control the House, while independents are evenly divided, 46-46%. In August, independents favored Republican control by two points and in September they sided with Democrats by four points.”

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This Siena College survey was conducted October 12-14 2022 by telephone calls in English to 707 self-identified likely voters in New York State. Telephone sampling was conducted via a weighted stratified dual frame sample of landline and cell phone drawn from the L-2 database of registered voters. Data was statistically adjusted by region, race/ethnicity, political party, education, statewide vote pattern in the 2020 election, and gender modeled to a composition of the electorate in 2014 and 2018 to ensure representativeness. It has an overall margin of error of +/- 4.9 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.



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Siena College Poll Trends – October 2022

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
October 2022*	39	52	9
September 2022*	41	47	12
August 2022*	36	50	14
June 2022	37	51	12
April 2022	36	52	12
March 2022	40	49	11
February 2022	41	45	14
January 2022	41	43	16
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
October 2022*	30	61	9
September 2022*	31	59	10
August 2022*	19	71	10
June 2022	25	68	8
April 2022	34	57	10
March 2022	36	57	8
February 2022	34	57	9
January 2022	31	57	12
HIGHEST EVER	62 (5/09)	74 (10/13, 8/11)	17 (9/08)
LOWEST EVER	19 (8/22, 10/13, 10/08)	24 (12/09)	5 (1/13)

Q. 3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Joe Biden?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2022*	53	45	3
September 2022*	51	46	3
August 2022*	48	48	5
June 2022	49	46	5
April 2022	51	45	4
March 2022	50	46	4
February 2022	48	48	4
January 2022	52	42	6
HIGHEST EVER	65 (2/21)	48 (2/22)	28 (9/08)
LOWEST EVER	45 (2/20)	26 (9/08)	3 (9/22, 2/21)

Q. 4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2022*	36	61	3
September 2022*	32	63	5
August 2022*	32	63	5
June 2022	33	63	4
April 2022	34	61	6
March 2022	34	61	5
February 2022	35	59	6
January 2022	33	61	6
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. 5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kathy Hochul?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2022*	45	41	14
September 2022*	47	40	13
August 2022*	46	41	13
June 2022	46	37	17
April 2022	44	34	22
March 2022	45	35	20
February 2022	46	32	22
January 2022	45	29	25
HIGHEST EVER	47 (9/22)	41 (10/22, 8/22)	69 (4/21)
LOWEST EVER	18 (4/21)	13 (4/21)	13 (9/22, 8/22)

Q. 6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Lee Zeldin?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2022*	37	41	21
September 2022*	31	33	36
August 2022*	31	28	41
June 2022	21	22	57
April 2022	22	19	59
March 2022	20	20	60
February 2022	18	20	62
January 2022	19	18	63
HIGHEST EVER	37 (10/22)	41 (10/22)	67 (9/21)
LOWEST EVER	17 (10/21)	15 (9/21)	21 (10/22)

Q. 7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Tom DiNapoli?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2022*	21	13	66
September 2022*	20	12	68
August 2022*	22	11	67
June 2022	21	14	65
January 2022	24	16	60
HIGHEST EVER	35 (10/14)	36 (10/31/10)	80 (6/07)
LOWEST EVER	7 (6/07, 5/07)	9 (10/18)	37 (10/31/10)

Q. 8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Paul Rodriguez?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2022*	8	6	86
September 2022*	7	6	87
August 2022*	7	7	85
HIGHEST EVER	8 (10/22)	7 (8/22)	87 (9/22)
LOWEST EVER	7 (9/22, 8/22)	6 (10/22, 9/22)	85 (8/22)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2022*	42	33	26
September 2022*	45	30	25
August 2022*	43	29	28
June 2022	40	28	32
March 2022	42	27	32
February 2022	39	23	38
January 2022	40	25	35
HIGHEST EVER	45 (9/22)	33 (10/22)	70 (6/18)
LOWEST EVER	20 (6/18)	10 (10/18, 6/18)	25 (9/22)

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Q. 10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Michael Henry?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2022*	5	4	91
September 2022*	4	5	92
August 2022*	5	5	90
HIGHEST EVER	5 (10/22, 8/22)	5 (9/22, 8/22)	92 (9/22)
LOWEST EVER	4 (9/22)	4 (10/22)	90 (8/22)

Q. 11 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Chuck Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2022*	53	40	7
September 2022*	50	40	9
August 2022*	49	43	8
June 2022	50	40	10
March 2022	50	40	9
February 2022	47	39	14
January 2022	51	38	12
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. 12 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Joe Pinion?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2022*	8	8	84
September 2022*	5	6	88
August 2022*	3	7	90
HIGHEST EVER	8 (10/22)	8 (10/22)	90 (8/22)
LOWEST EVER	3 (8/22)	6 (9/22)	84 (10/22)

Q. 13 Do you approve or disapprove of the job that Joe Biden is doing as President? FOLLOW UP: Is that strongly or somewhat?

DATE	STRONGLY APPROVE	SOMEWHAT APPROVE	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2022*	29	24	6	39	2
September 2022*	25	28	8	38	1
August 2022*	18	29	10	41	2
HIGHEST EVER	29 (10/22)	29 (8/22)	10 (8/22)	41 (8/22)	2 (10/22, 8/22)
LOWEST EVER	18 (8/22)	24 (10/22)	6 (10/22)	38 (9/22)	1 (9/22)

Q. 14 Do you approve or disapprove of the job that Kathy Hochul is doing as governor? FOLLOW UP: Is that strongly or somewhat?

DATE	STRONGLY APPROVE	SOMEWHAT APPROVE	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2022*	21	31	7	38	4
September 2022*	24	29	11	31	5
August 2022*	22	30	10	31	6
HIGHEST EVER	24 (9/22)	31 (10/22)	11 (9/22)	38 (10/22)	6 (8/22)
LOWEST EVER	21 (10/22)	29 (9/22)	7 (10/22)	31 (9/22, 8/22)	4 (10/22)

Q. 15 If the election for governor was held today and the candidates were (choices were rotated) Kathy Hochul, the Democrat, and Lee Zeldin, the Republican, would you vote for Zeldin or Hochul?

DATE	HOCHUL	ZELDIN	OTHER/NO VOTE/UNDECIDED
October 2022*	52	41	7
September 2022*	54	37	9
August 2022*	53	39	9
HIGHEST EVER	54 (9/22)	41 (10/22)	9 (9/22, 8/22)
LOWEST EVER	52 (10/22)	37 (9/22)	7 (10/22)

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- Q. 16** If the election for United States Senate was held today and the candidates were (choices were rotated) Chuck Schumer, the Democrat, and Joseph Pinion, the Republican, would you vote for Pinion or Schumer?

DATE	SCHUMER	PINION	OTHER/NO VOTE/UNDECIDED
October 2022*	57	37	6
September 2022*	55	36	9
August 2022*	56	35	9
HIGHEST EVER	57 (10/22)	37 (10/22)	9 (9/22, 8/22)
LOWEST EVER	55 (9/22)	35 (8/22)	6 (10/22)

- Q. 17** If the election for New York State Attorney General was held today and the candidates were (choices were rotated) Letitia James, the Democrat, and Michael Henry, the Republican, would you vote for Henry or James?

DATE	JAMES	HENRY	OTHER/NO VOTE/UNDECIDED
October 2022*	51	40	9
September 2022*	53	37	10
August 2022*	50	36	14
HIGHEST EVER	53 (9/22)	40 (10/22)	14 (8/22)
LOWEST EVER	50 (8/22)	36 (8/22)	9 (10/22)

- Q. 18** If the election for New York State Comptroller was held today and the candidates were (choices were rotated) Tom DiNapoli, the Democrat, and Paul Rodriguez, the Republican, would you vote for Rodriguez or DiNapoli?

DATE	DI NAPOLI	RODRIGUEZ	OTHER/NO VOTE/UNDECIDED
October 2022*	54	30	15
September 2022*	52	29	19
August 2022*	51	30	19
HIGHEST EVER	54 (10/22)	30 (10/22, 8/22)	19 (9/22, 8/22)
LOWEST EVER	51 (8/22)	29 (9/22)	15 (10/22)

- Q. 19** Also on the ballot this year is a proposal to authorize the sale of up to \$4.2 billion of state bonds to fund environmental protection and clean energy projects. Will you vote yes or no on the environmental bond act, or do you intend not to vote on that?

DATE	YES	NO	OTHER/NO VOTE/UNDECIDED
October 2022*	54	26	20
September 2022*	55	26	19
HIGHEST EVER	55 (9/22)	26 (10/22, 9/22)	20 (10/22)
LOWEST EVER	54 (10/22)	26 (10/22, 9/22)	19 (9/22)

- Q. 20** Currently, the Democrats have a majority in the United States House of Representatives. Every seat is up for election in November. After the election, who would you like to see control the House of Representatives (choices were rotated) the Democrats or the Republicans?

DATE	DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2022*	54	41	4
September 2022*	54	39	7
August 2022*	55	40	6
HIGHEST EVER	55 (8/22)	41 (10/22)	7 (9/22)
LOWEST EVER	54 (10/22, 9/22)	39 (9/22)	4 (10/22)

Poll Trend Notes: * All surveys are of registered voters except for the following polls: August \thru September 2022, 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 January 2022.

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

^ Inconsequential wording change.