



NEW YORK CITY MAYORAL TERM LIMITS POLL: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

New York City 500 Registered Voters Conducted December 18-22, 2020
by RMG Research, Inc.

Survey Summary: The results of this recently completed New York City-wide survey show that NYC voters overwhelmingly support term limits for mayor of New York City, Governor and the state legislature. Support for term limits is broad across all political and demographic groups. An overwhelming sixty-seven percent of voters approve of 8-year term limits for mayor while only fifteen percent support a twelve-year term limit. Seventy-seven percent of those surveyed support enacting 8-year term limits for the Governor of New York and seventy-five percent support implementing 8-year term limits on the state legislature.

Currently, term limits on the New York City mayor and City Council members prevent anyone from serving more than eight years in an office. A proposal has been made to lengthen the limit so that the Mayor and council members can serve for up to 12 years. Do you prefer term limits of 8 years or 12 years?

	Total	Gender		Age			Race				Party	
	Total	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	Dem	Other
8 years	67%	66%	69%	63%	70%	69%	70%	55%	75%	72%	68%	63%
12 years	15%	15%	15%	16%	12%	17%	14%	20%	12%	15%	15%	17%
Not sure	17%	19%	16%	21%	18%	15%	16%	26%	13%	13%	17%	20%

How important is it to you that the next Mayor of New York City protects and defends the eight-year term limit for the Mayor and City Council?

	Total	Gender		Age			Race				Party	
	Total	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	Dem	Other
Important	77%	74%	81%	79%	74%	80%	77%	66%	89%	83%	79%	78%
Very Important	52%	51%	54%	51%	52%	54%	53%	38%	65%	55%	52%	51%
Somewhat Important	25%	23%	27%	28%	22%	26%	24%	28%	24%	28%	27%	27%
Not Important	15%	19%	13%	15%	17%	13%	13%	25%	9%	12%	15%	15%
Not Very Important	10%	12%	9%	12%	10%	8%	9%	15%	7%	8%	11%	8%
Not at All Important	5%	7%	4%	3%	7%	5%	4%	10%	2%	4%	4%	7%
Not Sure	7%	7%	7%	5%	9%	7%	10%	9%	2%	5%	6%	8%



Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for Mayor who supports retaining New York City's eight-year term limits?

	Total	Gender		Age			Race				Party	
	Total	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	Dem	Other
More Likely	73%	74%	72%	79%	67%	73%	69%	67%	81%	74%	74%	67%
Much More Likely	41%	43%	39%	33%	38%	49%	45%	34%	41%	38%	39%	38%
Somewhat More Likely	32%	31%	33%	46%	29%	24%	24%	33%	40%	36%	35%	29%
Less Likely	9%	8%	9%	6%	10%	11%	7%	17%	4%	11%	8%	12%
Somewhat Less Likely	6%	5%	6%	6%	5%	7%	4%	10%	3%	8%	6%	6%
Much Less Likely	3%	3%	3%	0%	5%	4%	3%	7%	1%	3%	2%	6%
Neither More Likely Nor Less Likely	18%	18%	19%	15%	24%	16%	23%	16%	15%	15%	18%	21%

The governor of New York is not currently term-limited. Do you favor or oppose enacting 8-year term limits for the Governor of New York?

	Total	Gender		Age			Race				Party	
	Total	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	Dem	Other
Favor	77%	72%	70%	82%	70%	65%	72%	64%	78%	66%	72%	68%
Strongly Favor	44%	46%	42%	43%	50%	40%	47%	37%	47%	43%	41%	44%
Somewhat Favor	27%	26%	28%	39%	20%	25%	25%	27%	31%	23%	31%	24%
Oppose	15%	15%	14%	10%	16%	17%	17%	14%	12%	19%	14%	17%
Somewhat Oppose	9%	7%	10%	7%	12%	7%	8%	9%	8%	15%	9%	10%
Strongly Oppose	6%	8%	4%	3%	4%	10%	9%	5%	4%	4%	5%	7%
Not Sure	14%	12%	16%	9%	14%	18%	12%	23%	9%	15%	15%	16%



The New York state legislature is not currently term-limited. Do you favor or oppose enacting 8-year term limits on members of the New York State Legislature?

	Total	Gender		Age			Race				Party	
	Total	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	Dem	Other
Favor	75%	75%	74%	79%	71%	75%	75%	68%	82%	68%	78%	68%
Strongly Favor	43%	46%	40%	37%	45%	45%	46%	33%	49%	36%	40%	46%
Somewhat Favor	32%	29%	34%	42%	26%	30%	29%	35%	33%	32%	38%	22%
Oppose	16%	19%	13%	11%	17%	17%	17%	16%	13%	15%	14%	17%
Somewhat Oppose	10%	12%	8%	8%	11%	10%	9%	10%	10%	10%	10%	9%
Strongly Oppose	6%	7%	5%	3%	6%	7%	8%	6%	3%	5%	4%	8%
Not Sure	10%	6%	13%	10%	12%	8%	8%	16%	5%	16%	8%	15%

Conclusions: New York City voters overwhelmingly support term limits on the New York City mayor, governor, and the New York state legislature. The preferred length of term limits for each of these positions is a total of eight years. In addition, respondents indicate that they are more likely to vote for a mayoral candidate who protects and defends eight-year term limits on the office of New York City Mayor. Support for term limits is broad across all political and demographic groups.

Methodology: The survey of 500 Registered Voters in New York City was conducted online by RMG Research, Inc. from December 18-22, 2020. Respondents were selected at random from voter lists and contacted via text or through a Random Digital Engagement process. Certain quotas were applied, and the overall sample was lightly weighted by gender, age, race, and political party to reasonably reflect the city's population of Registered Voters. Other variables were reviewed to ensure that the final sample is representative of that population.