

Mary Snow, Assistant Director (203) 506-8202

Doug Schwartz, Associate Vice President and Director (203) 582-5294

FOR RELEASE: MARCH 5, 2025

MAYOR ADAMS' JOB APPROVAL RATING DROPS TO ALL-TIME LOW OF 20%, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NEW YORK CITY POLL FINDS; 56% OF VOTERS SAY ADAMS SHOULD RESIGN FROM OFFICE

As New York City Mayor Eric Adams faces legal uncertainty over federal corruption charges, as well as a re-election bid, a record low 20 percent of voters approve of the way Adams is handling his job as mayor, while 67 percent disapprove and 13 percent did not offer an opinion, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University poll of registered voters in New York City released today.

This is the lowest job approval rating of any New York City mayor in the nearly 30 years since Quinnipiac University began polling New York City registered voters.

The previous low was set by Adams in Quinnipiac University's December 2023 poll, when 28 percent approved of the job Adams was doing, while 58 percent disapproved and 14 percent did not offer an opinion.

In today's poll, Democrats (78 - 15 percent), independents (63 - 20 percent), and Republicans (52 - 35 percent) disapprove of the way Mayor Adams is handling his job.

"Unpopular even before an indictment on federal corruption charges, voters' confidence in Mayor Adams sinks to a new low now that his legal case has become a national controversy," said Quinnipiac University Poll Assistant Director Mary Snow.

CORRUPTION CHARGES

Nearly three-quarters of voters (73 percent) say they have been following developments involving federal corruption charges brought against Mayor Adams either very closely (31 percent) or somewhat closely (42 percent), while 26 percent say they have been following the developments not too closely.

Four in 10 voters (40 percent) believe Adams did something illegal, while 31 percent believe he did something unethical but nothing illegal, and 13 percent believe he did not do anything wrong. Sixteen percent did not offer an opinion.

Voters 63 – 25 percent think the charges against Mayor Adams should <u>not</u> be dropped.

SHOULD ADAMS RESIGN?

Voters 56 – 35 percent think that Adams should resign as mayor of New York City.

Democrats (72 – 23 percent) and independents (51 – 38 percent) think that Adams should resign, while Republicans (68 – 26 percent) think that he should not resign.

"A decision is yet to come on whether federal charges against Mayor Adams will be dismissed. But in the court of public opinion, voters think it's time for Adams to step aside," added Snow.

ADAMS: PERSONAL TRAITS

Voters were asked whether or not Eric Adams...

- understands the problems of people like them: 33 percent say yes, 59 percent say no, 8 percent did not offer an opinion;
- has strong leadership qualities: 32 percent say yes, 61 percent say no, 7 percent did not offer an opinion;
- is honest and trustworthy: 18 percent say yes, 69 percent say no, 14 percent did not offer an opinion.

These are the lowest scores he has received on these questions in a Quinnipiac University poll.

ADAMS: ISSUES

Voters were asked about Mayor Adams' handling of:

- crime: 30 percent approve, while 57 percent disapprove, and 13 percent did not offer an opinion;
- issues related to undocumented immigrants: 24 percent approve, while 64 percent disapprove, and 12 percent did not offer an opinion;
- the city budget: 21 percent approve, while 58 percent disapprove, and 21 percent did not offer an opinion.

UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

Voters 58 - 32 percent oppose deporting all undocumented immigrants and sending them back to their home countries. Ten percent did not offer an opinion.

Among those who oppose deporting all undocumented immigrants, 81 percent support deporting undocumented immigrants convicted of violent crimes, while 16 percent oppose it.

When these results are combined, 32 percent of voters support deporting all undocumented immigrants and sending them back to their home countries, while 47 percent only support deporting undocumented immigrants convicted of violent crimes, and 9 percent oppose both scenarios, with 11 percent not offering an opinion.

ADAMS & TRUMP

Fifty-six percent of voters would like to see Mayor Adams do more to stand up to President Trump when it comes to the issue of undocumented immigrants in New York City, while 33 percent would like to see Mayor Adams do more to work with President Trump on this issue and 11 percent did not offer an opinion.

"As Mayor Adams warms to President Trump, voters want him to do just the opposite. They want him to stand up more to Trump when it comes to undocumented immigrants," added Snow.

JOB APPROVALS

Voters are split on their approval of Governor Kathy Hochul, with 43 percent approving of the job she is doing, 42 percent disapproving, and 15 percent not offering an opinion.

When it comes to President Trump, 30 percent of voters approve of the job he is doing, while 65 percent disapprove, and 5 percent did not offer an opinion.

CONGESTION PRICING

Voters 54 – 41 percent oppose New York City's congestion pricing toll for motor vehicles entering Manhattan that is intended to reduce traffic and raise money for New York City's transit system.

Forty-five percent of voters approve of President Trump's action to end New York City's congestion pricing toll, while 49 percent disapprove.

SATISFACTION

Twenty-five percent of voters are either very satisfied (3 percent) or somewhat satisfied (22 percent) with the way things are going in New York City today, while 72 percent of voters are either somewhat dissatisfied (35 percent) or very dissatisfied (37 percent).

This is a record low. The previous low was in Quinnipiac University's July 2003 poll when 30 percent of voters said they were either very or somewhat satisfied, while 70 percent said they were either somewhat or very dissatisfied.

DEMOCRATIC MAYORAL PRIMARY

Registered Democrats were given a list of 11 Democrats who either have announced they are running for New York City mayor or are seen as a possible mayoral candidate. They were asked if the Democratic primary for mayor were being held today, for whom would they vote. Andrew Cuomo receives 31 percent support; Eric Adams receives 11 percent support; Zohran Mamdani receives 8 percent support; Jumaane Williams receives 7 percent support; Scott Stringer receives 6 percent support; Brad Lander receives 5 percent support; Jessica Ramos and Adrienne Adams each receive 4 percent support; and Zellnor Myrie, Michael Blake, and Whitney Tilson each receive 1 percent support.

"Three and a half years after scandals forced him to resign as New York's governor, Andrew Cuomo leads a crowded field of Democratic mayoral hopefuls with a boost from moderate Democrats. A key number to watch: 16 percent, the slice of voters who are undecided as this race gains more attention," added Snow.

1,260 New York City self-identified registered voters were surveyed from February 27th – March 3rd with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points. The survey included 771 self-identified registered Democrats with a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on probability-based samples using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

Visit <u>poll.qu.edu</u> or <u>www.facebook.com/quinnipiacpoll</u> Email <u>poll@qu.edu</u> or follow us on X <u>@QuinnipiacPoll</u>. 1. (If Registered Democrat) If the Democratic primary for mayor were being held today, and the candidates were: Eric Adams, Brad Lander, Jessica Ramos, Zellnor Myrie, Zohran Mamdani, Scott Stringer, Michael Blake, Whitney Tilson, Andrew Cuomo, Jumaane Williams, and Adrienne Adams, for whom would you vote? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	REGIS	TERED D	EMOCRATS	5					
		POLIT	ICAL PHI	LOSOPH	Y				
		LIBER	AL	Mod/					
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Adams, Eric	11%	1%	4%	16%	14%	8%	15%	12%	5%
Lander	5	6	5	4	6	4	10	2	3
Ramos	4	6	8	3	4	5	2	5	9
Myrie	1	_	2	1	2	1	1	_	2
Mamdani	8	26	4	3	7	9	8	4	4
Stringer	6	8	9	3	7	5	9	3	5
Blake	1	1	-	1	1	1	_	2	1
Tilson	1	4	_	_	1	1	1	_	_
Cuomo	31	12	24	41	31	32	26	37	40
Williams	7	11	14	4	7	7	7	13	2
Adams, Adrienne	4	3	6	3	2	4	3	5	3
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	-	-	1	_	1	1	1	_
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	3	-	3	4	4	2	5	-	1
UNDECIDED (VOL)	16	20	18	14	12	19	12	16	23
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	-	_

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Eric Adams is handling his job as mayor?

	REGIS!	rered vo Rep	DERS Dem	Ind	 Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	 Hsp	 Asn
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	20% 67 13	35% 52 14	15% 78 7	20% 63 17	21% 64 14	18% 70 12	26% 67 7	24% 60 16	14% 74 11	8% 72 21
	AREA. Brnx	Bklyn	 Man	Qns	StIsl					
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	18% 69 14	26% 64 10	10% 79 11	19% 63 17	27% 56 17					

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kathy Hochul is handling her job as governor?

	REGIST	ERED VO	TERS							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	43% 42 15	9% 80 10	60% 29 11	35% 49 16	39% 48 14	46% 38 16	36% 55 9	60% 23 17	44% 41 15	33% 49 18
	AREA									
	AREA Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl					

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	REGIST:	ERED VO	TERS							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Approve	30%	92%	7%	31%	37%	24%	39%	13%	31%	35%
Disapprove	65	5	91	61	57	72	58	81	66	58
DK/NA	5	2	3	8	6	4	3	6	4	6
	AREA									
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl					
Approve	27%	35%	16%	34%	39%					
Disapprove	65	61	80	60	60					
± ±	0.0									

5. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in New York City today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	REGIST	ERED VO	TERS							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Very satisfied	3%	4%	2%	1%	4%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%
Smwht satisfied	22	22	25	19	27	19	26	26	15	23
Smwht dissatisfied	35	19	40	38	33	36	37	35	32	35
Very dissatisfied	37	52	32	38	34	40	34	35	45	35
DK/NA	3	3	2	5	2	4	1	2	4	4
	AREA									
	AREA Brnx	Bklyn	 Man	Qns	 StIsl					
Very satisfied										
Very satisfied Smwht satisfied	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl					
<u>-</u>	Brnx 4%	Bklyn 3%	Man 2%	Qns 3%	StIsl 1%					
Smwht satisfied	Brnx 4% 18	Bklyn 3% 22	Man 2% 24	Qns 3% 21	StIsl 1% 31					

6. Do you think Eric Adams should resign as mayor of New York City, or not?

	REGIST Tot	ERED VO Rep	TERS	Ind	 Men	Wom	Wht	Blk		 Asn
Yes No DK/NA	56% 35 9	26% 68 7	72% 23 4	51% 38 11	53% 39 8	59% 31 10	54% 42 4	46% 44 10	69% 24 7	62% 23 14
	AREA Brnx	Bklyn	 Man							
Yes No DK/NA	54% 36 9	51% 40 9	69% 22 9	56% 34 10	43% 49 7					

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor Adams is handling - crime?

	REGIS'	TERED VC	TERS							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Approve	30% 57	37%	27% 60	31%	36%	25% 60	30% 62	42% 45	20% 67	26%
Disapprove DK/NA	13	56 7	60 13	56 13	54 11	60 15	62 8	45 12	13	56 18
DI(/ NA	10	,	10	13	11	13	O	12	15	10
	AREA.									
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl					
Approve	31%	30%	24%	31%	40%					
Disapprove	57	57	62	55	53					
DK/NA	12	14	14	14	7					

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor Adams is handling - the city budget?

	REGIST Tot	ERED VO Rep	TERS Dem	 Ind	 Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	 Нѕр	 Asn
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	21% 58 21	33% 47 21	19% 63 18	23% 58 19	24% 55 21	18% 61 21	23% 57 19	30% 49 21	14% 71 15	18% 66 16
		Dirlem								
	AREA Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl					
Approve Disapprove										

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor Adams is handling - issues related to undocumented immigrants?

	REGIST Tot	ERED VO'	TERS	 Ind	 Men	Wom	 Wht	Blk	 Hsp	 Asn
	100	кер	Dem	IIId	Men	WOIII	WIIC	DIK	1135	ASII
Approve	24%	39%	18%	29%	28%	21%	29%	28%	23%	14%
Disapprove	64	51	75	57	61	66	62	63	67	69
DK/NA	12	10	7	15	11	12	9	9	10	17
	AREA									
	AREA Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl					
Approve										
Approve Disapprove	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl					

10.	Would y	ou say	that	Eric	Adams	understands	the	problems	of	people	like	you,	or	not?	
-----	---------	--------	------	------	-------	-------------	-----	----------	----	--------	------	------	----	------	--

	REGIS'	TERED VC	TERS							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Yes	33%	47%	29%	33%	36%	31%	35%	45%	29%	18%
No	59	44	65	58	57	60	58	49	64	73
DK/NA	8	8	6	9	7	9	7	5	7	9
	AREA.									
	AREA. Brnx	Bklyn	 Man	 Qns	StIsl					
Yes										
Yes No	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl					

11. Would you say that Eric Adams has strong leadership qualities, or not?

	REGIST	ERED VO	TERS							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Yes	32%	36%	27%	35%	35%	29%	30%	43%	26%	24%
No	61	54	68	59	59	63	66	50	68	66
DK/NA	7	10	5	6	6	8	3	7	6	10
	AREA									
	AREA Brnx	 Bklyn	 Man	Qns	StIsl					
Yes										
Yes No	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl					

12. Would you say that Eric Adams is honest and trustworthy, or not?

	REGIST	ERED VO	TERS							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Yes No DK/NA	18% 69 14	31% 54 15	11% 79 10	19% 65 16	20% 69 12	16% 69 15	23% 68 10	23% 61 16	12% 79 9	10% 70 20
				-					-	
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl					
Yes No DK/NA	16% 70 14	23% 65 12	8% 80 12	16% 67 17	32% 55 13					

13. How closely have you been following developments involving federal corruption charges brought against Mayor Adams; very closely, somewhat closely, or not too closely?

	REGIST	ERED VO	TERS							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Very closely Somewhat closely Not too closely DK/NA	31% 42 26 1	23% 52 25 1	36% 42 21 2	29% 41 30 1	36% 41 22 -	26% 43 29 2	35% 47 17 1	30% 36 30 4	27% 42 31 -	27% 43 27 3
	AREA									
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl					
Very closely Somewhat closely Not too closely DK/NA	29% 38 31 2	29% 39 30 2	40% 44 16	28% 45 27	25% 49 25 2					

14. Based on what you know about these charges, do you believe that: Mayor Adams did something illegal, he did something unethical but nothing illegal, or do you believe that Mayor Adams did not do anything wrong?

	REGIST	ERED VO	TERS							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Illegal Unethical/Not illegl Nothing wrong DK/NA	40% 31 13 16	18% 39 30 14	51% 30 8 12	40% 29 14 16	40% 31 15 15	41% 31 12 17	50% 25 16 9	29% 38 15 18	39% 37 11 13	45% 22 8 25
	AREA									
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl					
Illegal Unethical/Not illegl Nothing wrong DK/NA	38% 31 12 19	36% 30 17 17	58% 24 6 12	38% 33 12 17	21% 45 24 11					

15. Do you think the charges against Mayor Adams should be dropped, or not?

	REGIST Tot	ERED VO Rep	TERS	 Ind	 Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	 Asn
Yes No DK/NA	25% 63 12	59% 29 12	14% 79 7	24% 61 16	27% 60 12	22% 65 13	29% 64 7	32% 57 10	19% 70 11	18% 65 18
	AREA Brnx	 Bklyn		Qns						
Yes No DK/NA	23% 60 17	29% 57 14	13% 77 10	26% 63 11	42% 51 7					

16. Do you support or oppose deporting all undocumented immigrants and sending them back to their home countries?

	REGIST	ERED VO'	TERS							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Support	32%	84%	14%	36%	40%	26%	39%	26%	29%	36%
Oppose	58	12	78	50	53	62	56	62	61	54
DK/NA	10	3	7	14	7	12	5	12	10	9
	AREA									
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl					
Support	34%	36%	26%	29%	43%					
Oppose	55	52	68	59	56					
DK/NA	11	11	6	12	1					

16a. (If Oppose q16) Do you support or oppose deporting undocumented immigrants convicted of violent crimes?

	REGIST:	ERED VO	TERS		
	OPPOSE	DEPORT	ING ALL	UNDOCUMENTED	IMMIGRANTS Q16
	Tot	Men	Wom		
Support	81%	85%	78%		
Oppose	16	13	18		
DK/NA	3	1	4		

16b. Do you support or oppose deporting all undocumented immigrants and sending them back to their home countries? COMBINED WITH: (If oppose q16) Do you support or oppose deporting undocumented immigrants convicted of violent crimes?

	REGIST	ERED VO	TERS							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Supp/Deport all	32%	84%	14%	36%	40%	26%	39%	26%	29%	36%
Supp/Deport convictd	47	11	64	42	45	48	46	51	52	35
Oppose	9	1	11	8	7	11	9	8	8	17
DK/NA	11	3	11	14	8	15	6	15	11	12
	AREA									
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl					
c /5 11	2.40	2.60	0.60	0.00	420					
Supp/Deport all	34%	36%	26%	29%	43%					
Supp/Deport convictd	46	41	52	49	50					
Oppose	8	9	13	9	6					
DK/NA	12	14	8	13	1					

17. When it comes to the issue of undocumented immigrants in New York City, would you like to see Mayor Adams do more to stand up to President Trump or would you like to see Mayor Adams do more to work with President Trump?

	REGIST	ERED VO	TERS							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Stand up to	56%	6%	79%	50%	48%	62%	50%	66%	57%	50%
Work with	33	90	13	36	42	26	45	24	28	38
DK/NA	11	4	9	14	9	12	5	10	15	13
	AREA									
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl					
Stand up to	51%	54%	65%	53%	53%					
Stand up to Work with	51% 34	54% 33	65% 26	53% 37	53% 43					

18. Do you support or oppose New York City's congestion pricing toll for motor vehicles entering Manhattan that is intended to reduce traffic and raise money for New York City's transit system?

	REGIST	ERED VO	TERS				. .			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Support	41%	12%	55%	33%	41%	40%	48%	36%	35%	47%
Oppose	54	84	37	63	53	54	47	55	61	49
DK/NA	6	4	8	5	6	6	6	9	4	4
	AREA									
	AREA Brnx	 Bklyn	 Man	Qns	StIsl					
Support										
Support Oppose	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl					

19. As you may know, President Trump has moved to end New York City's congestion pricing toll. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's action?

	REGIST	ERED VO	TERS							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	Asn
Approve	45%	89%	24%	55%	50%	40%	45%	42%	50%	42%
Disapprove	49	10	68	40	44	53	52	51	42	55
DK/NA	6	2	8	5	5	7	3	7	8	3
	AREA									
	AREA Brnx	 Bklyn	 Man	Qns	StIsl					
Approve										
Approve Disapprove	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl					