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ASSEMBLYMAN MATT SIMPSON’S 2025 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

- 1 How would you rate the overall quality of life for the North Country?

a. ☐ Excellent

b. ☐ Good

c. ☐ Fair

d. ☐ Poor
- 2 New York is a leader in outmigration.¹ What do you believe is the primary reason people are leaving the state?

a. ☐ High taxes

b. ☐ Cost of living

c. ☐ Crime & public safety

d. ☐ Job opportunities elsewhere

e. ☐ Other (please specify) _____
- 3 New York State’s spending continues to increase. In the last ten years, the state budget has ballooned nearly \$100 billion and will likely grow to more than \$250 billion in 2025.² What do you think the state should do to reduce the budget gap?

a. ☐ Cut spending

b. ☐ Raise taxes
- 4 What programs in the state budget do you feel most benefit the district?

a. ☐ Addiction prevention/treatment/recovery

b. ☐ Bridge and road infrastructure

c. ☐ Child care

d. ☐ Education (K-12)

e. ☐ Environment

f. ☐ Healthcare

g. ☐ Higher education

h. ☐ Housing

i. ☐ Local governments

j. ☐ Property tax relief

k. ☐ Nutrition and health

l. ☐ Parks and trails

m. ☐ Public protection

n. ☐ Senior care

o. ☐ Water and sewer infrastructure

p. ☐ Workforce development (trades, apprenticeships, nursing, etc.)
- 5 What solutions do you believe should be prioritized to address housing affordability?

a. ☐ Tax incentives for homeowners

b. ☐ Expand infrastructure to encourage development

c. ☐ Expand affordable housing programs

d. ☐ Reduce regulatory barriers by streamlining zoning laws and expediting permits to lower construction costs

e. ☐ Other (please specify) _____
- 6 What improvements would you like to see in Medicaid services in New York?

a. ☐ Expanding coverage for dental, vision and hearing care

b. ☐ Reducing out-of-pocket costs and co-pays

c. ☐ Increasing access to healthcare providers and specialists in rural areas

d. ☐ Streamlining the enrollment and approval process

e. ☐ Increasing reimbursement rates for nursing homes, other clinical and/or outpatient senior care programs

f. ☐ Other (please specify) _____
- 7 The opioid epidemic is plaguing New Yorkers, with opioid-related drug overdoses nearly doubling from 2019 to 2022.³ Each year, thousands of New Yorkers lose their lives and loved ones. What do you think the state needs to prioritize to curb the number of overdoses each year?

a. ☐ Increase law enforcement efforts to combat illegal drug distribution

b. ☐ Expand access to addiction treatment and recovery services

c. ☐ Strengthen regulations on prescription opioids

d. ☐ Further invest in mental health services to address underlying causes

e. ☐ Other (please specify) _____
- 8 New York has more than 600 thousand ‘undocumented’ immigrants, which has cost the state billions of dollars.^{4,5} How would you rate the state’s handling of the migrant crisis?

a. ☐ Excellent

b. ☐ Good

c. ☐ Fair

d. ☐ Poor

e. ☐ Unsure

Additional comments:
- 9 New York has lagged behind many other states in post-pandemic economic recovery, with slower job growth, higher business costs and continued outmigration of residents and businesses.⁶ Do you feel that New York does enough to provide economic opportunities for small businesses, or should the state take further action to support them?

a. ☐ Yes, New York provides sufficient economic opportunities for small businesses.

b. ☐ No, the state needs to do more to support small businesses.

c. ☐ Unsure / No opinion.
- 10 New York State is actively pursuing broad electrification goals statewide. How have these goals impacted your quality of life thus far?

a. ☐ Positively

b. ☐ Somewhat positively

c. ☐ Neutral

d. ☐ Somewhat negatively

e. ☐ Negatively

Additional comments:
- 11 What is the most important issue you want Assemblyman Simpson to address?

1 <https://www.azeconomy.org/2024/12/economy/which-states-saw-the-largest-net-domestic-migration-gains-in-2023/>
2 FY2015-FY2025, NYS Budget
3 https://www.snpnyc.org/opioid-crisis/?utm_source
4 <https://gothamist.com/news/new-york-has-more-than-600k-undocumented-immigrants-data-shows-who-are-they>
5 https://www.cityandstateny.com/policy/2024/12/following-asylum-seeker-odyssey/382850/?utm_source
6 https://www.empirecenter.org/publications/despite-governors-boast-nys-post-pandemic-recovery-hasnt-been-full/?utm_source

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