



NEWS RELEASE

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**THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY STUDIES TO RELEASE RESULTS OF
TWO PUBLIC OPINION SURVEYS REGARDING ADVANCED NUCLEAR ENERGY
GENERATION - NORTH COUNTRY AND CENTRAL NEW YORK RESULTS, AND STATEWIDE
RESULTS**

Purpose and Background for these Studies:

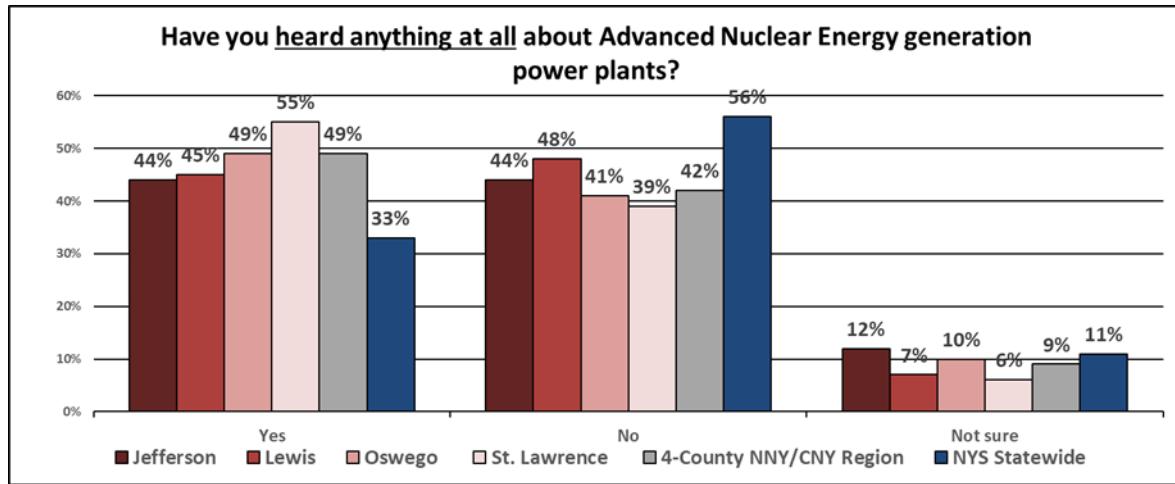
The Center for Community Studies at Jefferson Community College completed its 26th Annual North Country Survey of the Community in October 2025. This study is a longitudinal study of quality-of-life in the region measuring attitudes and behaviors among residents and has been completed locally since April 2000. The study is currently fielded each year in Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, and St. Lawrence Counties. This annual study also involves an omnibus survey component, in that the Center offers the opportunity to local individuals and organizations to suggest survey topics and questions that could be included in the study each year. These additional omnibuses, or add-on, survey items are a free service that the Center provides to local communities and groups. In October 2025, the additional survey topic that has been studied involves new advanced nuclear energy technology with investigation of residents' familiarity, concerns, perceived importance of attributes, levels of support versus opposition of nuclear development, and level of interest in being further educated regarding the new technology. As a follow-up to this Northern and Central New York research, during the first week of November 2025 the Center completed a similar statewide survey of adult residents regarding quality-of-life, including energy generation issues, including participants from all 62 counties in New York State.

In addition to its public opinion survey research activities, the Center has a mission of providing forums for education and discussion of emerging important topics or issues for North Country residents. In partnership with 116th Assemblymember Scott Gray, the Center for Community Studies will be hosting a public forum regarding Nuclear Energy on campus on Wednesday evening November 12th, from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Sturtz Theater, on campus in Watertown, New York. This forum will address newly developed Advanced Nuclear Energy technologies that could impact or shape the state and local municipalities' electric energy policies and economic development in the years ahead. Specifically, a panel of nuclear energy experts at the forum will explain new technologies, and address safety, waste disposal, economic impact, jobs, the environment, and future electricity prices.

Highlighted Findings from these Survey Studies:

To support the upcoming nuclear energy public forum at JCC by providing current local and statewide public opinion data, the Center included the following four survey questions regarding nuclear energy in its recent omnibus surveys.

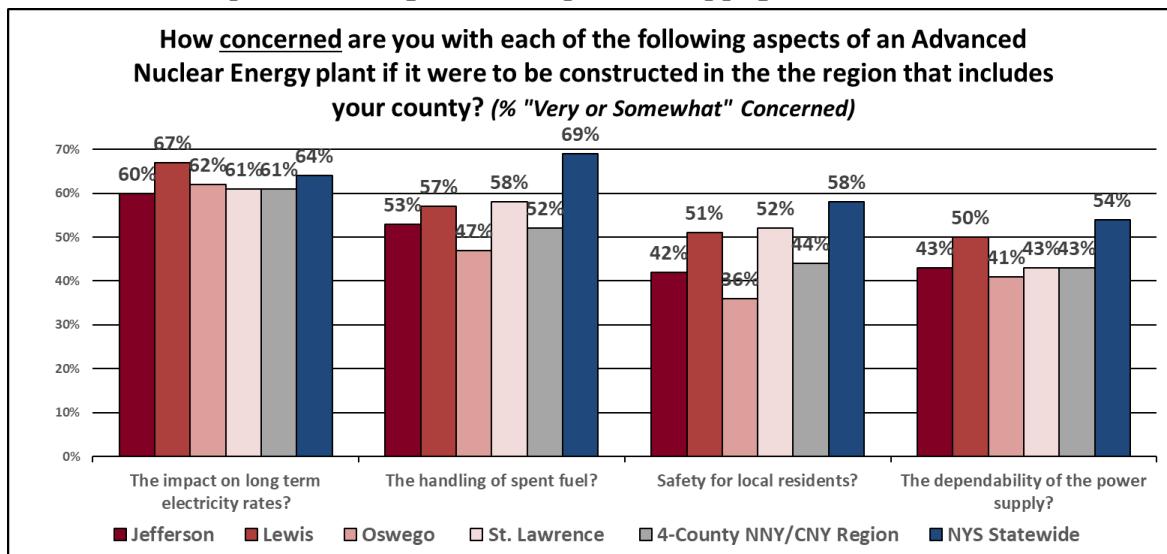
1. Have you heard anything at all about Advanced Nuclear Energy generation power plants?



Adult residents in the four-county Northern and Central New York region are slightly more likely to have heard of Advanced Nuclear Energy power generation plants as they are to have not heard (49% versus 42%, respectively) with the largest familiarity with this form of energy generation reported in Oswego and St. Lawrence Counties. Statewide there is significantly less familiarity with Advanced Nuclear Energy generation plants, with only 33% of participants reporting familiarity.

2. Please indicate whether you have concerns with each of the following aspects of an Advanced Nuclear Energy plant if it were to be constructed in the North Country (or, "Oswego County", or "the region of NYS that includes your county"). How concerned would you be with:

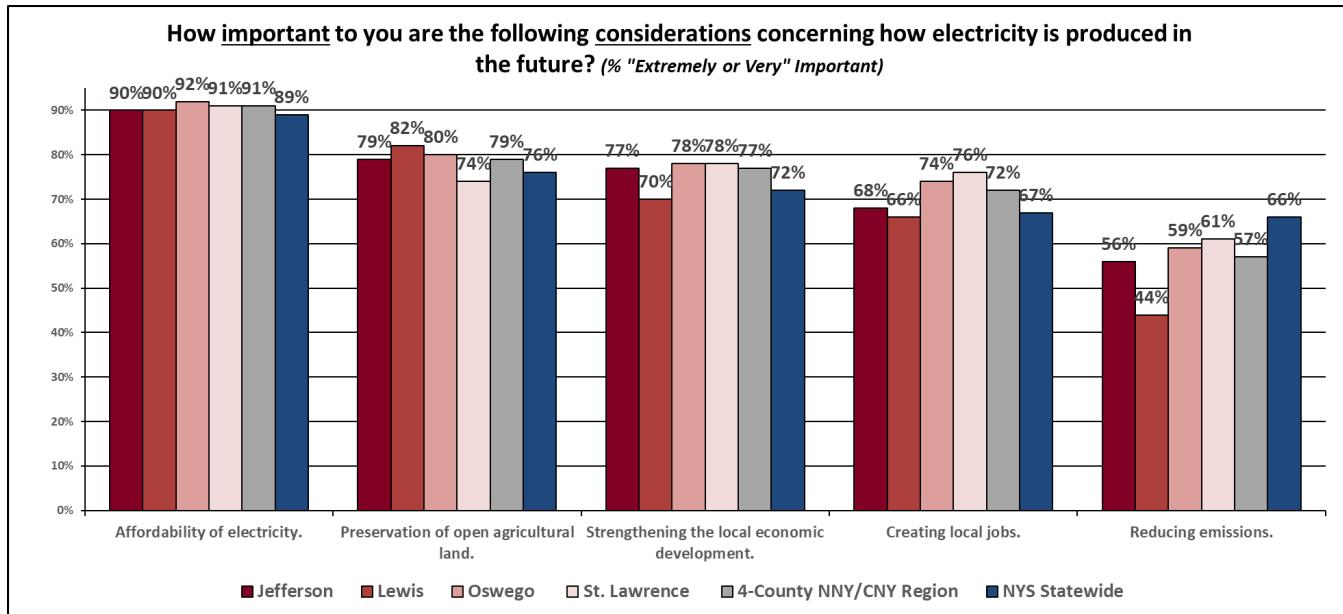
- a. The impact on long-term electricity rates?
- b. The handling of spent fuel?
- c. Safety for local residents?
- d. The dependability of the power supply?



Among four potential concerns that were studied, clearly the aspect of an Advanced Nuclear Energy power plant that is of most concern to Northern and Central NY residents is a pocketbook issue - concern with the impact on long-term electricity rates, with 61% of participants expressing that they are very or somewhat concerned with future rates. Statewide, concern with long term electricity rates is found at a similar 64% rate, however, when residents of the entire state are sampled, there is a much higher percentage of adults who express concern with the handling of spent fuel than was found in Northern and Central NY (69% versus 52%, respectively) and concern with safety for local residents (58% versus 44%, respectively).

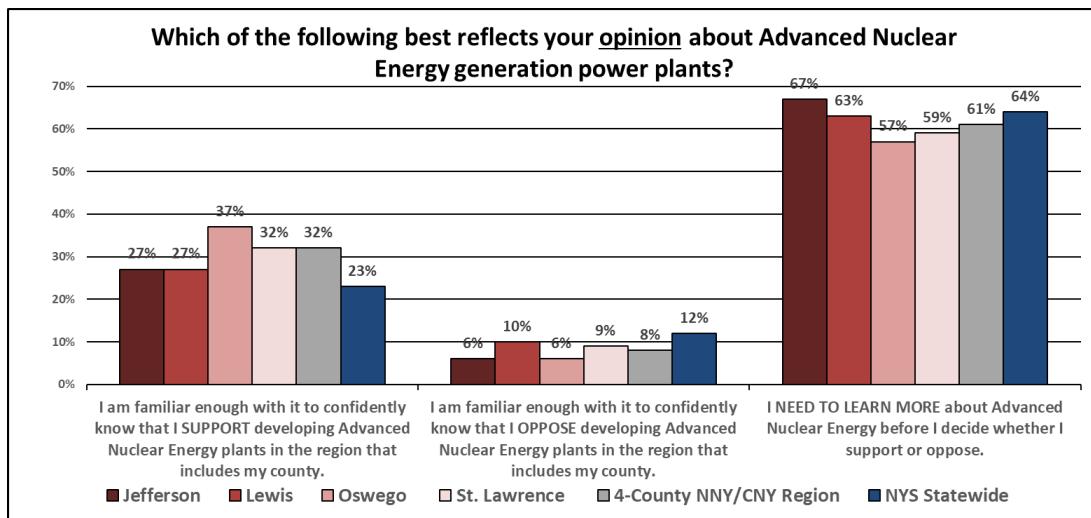
3. How important to you are the following considerations with how electricity is produced in the future?

- a. Affordability of electricity.**
- b. Preservation of open agricultural land.**
- c. Strengthening the local economic development.**
- d. Creating local jobs.**
- e. Reducing emissions.**



Among five studied considerations, or potential positive impacts of Advanced Nuclear Energy generation, clearly the aspect of an Advanced Nuclear Energy power plant that is of most importance to residents is a personal economic issue - importance of the future affordability of electricity. A very large 91% of Northern and Central NY participants express that this consideration is "extremely or very" important to them (60% responded "extremely", 31% responded "very", while 0% responded either "not too" or "not at all" important), and similarly, on a statewide basis 89% of participants express that this consideration is "extremely or very" important to them. Reducing emissions is of least importance to residents of Northern and Central NY with only 57% responding "extremely or very" important, while this rate is higher, at 66%, on a statewide basis.

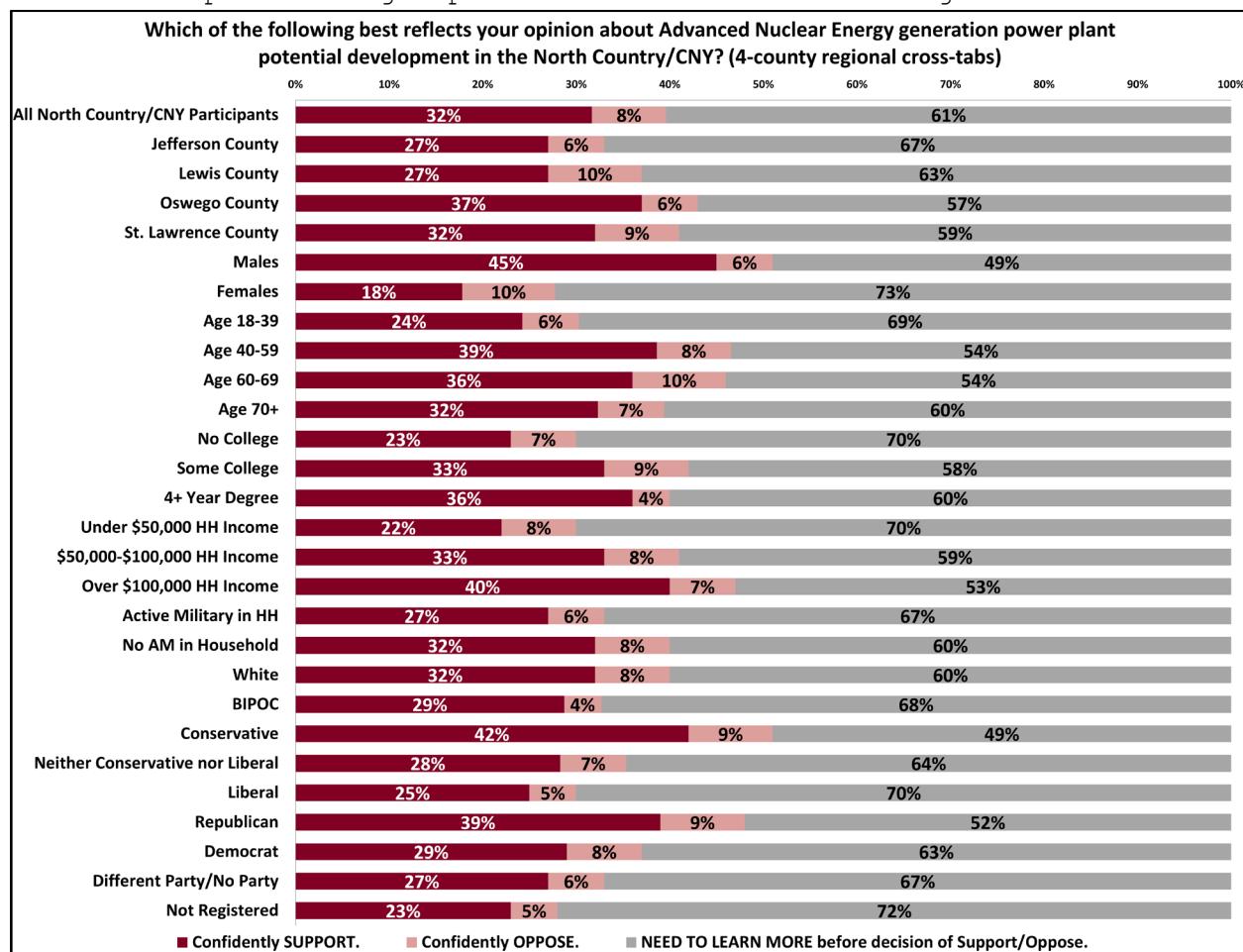
4. Are you familiar enough with Advanced Nuclear Energy technology to confidently know whether you support or oppose the potential future development of these power plants in the North Country (or, "Oswego County", or "the region of NYS that includes your county"), or do you feel that you need to learn more about the technology and its impacts before you could decide whether you support or oppose?



The final survey question in these studies was designed with two goals: (1) identification of the level of desire to learn more about nuclear energy technology, and (2) among those residents who do feel that they know enough about the technology to confidently decide - do you support or oppose potential future development of these power plants in the region that includes your county? Two key findings emerge from the data. First, a majority of adult residents, more than three-in-five in Northern and Central NY (61%), and on a statewide basis (64%), feel that they need to learn more before they could confidently decide whether they support or oppose the future development. Second, among those who feel that they are well enough informed to confidently decide, it is more common that residents are in support rather than in opposition to the development of nuclear power generation plants in the future (by a wide 4:1 ratio in Northern and Central NY, 32% to 8%, respectively, and on a statewide basis by almost a 2:1 ratio 23% to 12%, respectively).

Finally, as illustrated in the following graph for the Northern and Central NY study, it is clear that a majority of residents wish to learn more about Advanced Nuclear Energy before confidently making a personal decision about support versus opposition, and a large majority support for development among those who are already well-informed. These are consistent findings, quite independent of other socio-demographic factors. In other words, often-times in our current society, attitudes and behaviors are very polarized among societal subgroups. In particular, polarization due to political ideology and/or political party is now often-times the rule, rather than the exception when researching public opinion. However, this survey item that investigates familiarity and support for Advanced Nuclear Energy shows very similar findings among all studied subgroups, even among the subgroups of political ideology and political party affiliation that commonly have great divides. As an example, among registered Republicans the majority in Northern and Central NY (52%) indicate that they wish to learn more about Advanced Nuclear

Energy before deciding whether or not they are in support of future development, while among those Republicans who feel confident in their current understanding they are approximately four times more likely to support rather than oppose (39% versus 9%, respectively). Similarly, among registered Democrats the majority (63%) indicate that they wish to learn more about Advanced Nuclear Energy before deciding whether or not they are in support of future development, while among those Democrats who feel confident in their current understanding they are also almost approximately four times more likely to support rather than oppose (29% versus 8%, respectively). The current study data suggests that Alternative Nuclear Energy opinion among Northern and Central New York is one of the rare bipartisan agreement topics in our society in 2025. On a statewide basis, there is noticeably greater support for the development among Republicans than there is among Democrats.



Methodology Employed for these Studies:

Between October 21-25, 2025, a mixed-mode sampling method of contact was employed in this study to complete a total of 2,109 interviews of adult residents of a four-county region in Northern and Central New York. Surveys were completed by 593 Jefferson County residents, 515 Lewis County residents, 472 Oswego County residents, and 529 St. Lawrence County residents. Working under the supervision of the Center for Community Studies research staff in both a physical call center in Watertown and a virtual remote call center, statistics students enrolled at the College and trained in interview techniques completed 505 live interviews via telephone on both the landline and cellular phones of adult residents. An additional 1,511 surveys were completed online, with 629 via random email invitation and 882 via random MMS text message push-to-web invitations to cellular phones. Finally, 93 intercept surveys were completed at Fort Drum to assist in attaining accurate representation of the military-affiliated subpopulation in the sample collected in this study. After sampling, all data were weighted within-county for gender, age, education, military affiliation, and racial background to ensure representativeness of samples within each county, and when generating aggregate region-wide estimates a further weight for county population sizes was applied. The result of this sampling of 2,109 Northern and Central New York residents is an approximate margin of error of $\pm 2.4\%$ after this weighting sample survey results toward Northern and Central New York population characteristics. County-specific margins of error are approximately $\pm 5\%$ due to smaller within-county sample sizes.

Between November 6-8, 2025, text message push-to-web sampling methodology was employed to complete a total of 972 interviews of adult residents of New York State. After sampling, all data were weighted for gender, age, education, geography/region, and racial background to ensure representativeness of the sample. The result of this statewide sampling of 972 residents is an approximate margin of error of $\pm 3.8\%$ after this weighting sample survey results toward New York State population characteristics.

The full reports of socio-demographic analyses for each of the Advanced Nuclear Energy survey questions in each of these two studies are included as separate files.

Final Comments and Acknowledgements:

This Northern and Central NY Advanced Nuclear Energy survey has been completed as a subset of the annual omnibus annual survey of the attitudes and opinions of a representative sample of adult residents of the region. This annual survey by the Center for Community Studies has been completed each year in Jefferson County since 2000. The survey expanded to include Lewis County annually in 2007, and further expanded to include St. Lawrence County in 2015. This is the first year of including Oswego County in the regional surveying. The primary goal of the annual survey is to collect data regarding quality-of-life issues of importance to local citizens, and as a result this study provides an annual "snapshot" of life in the region. Additionally, analysis of the 26th Annual Survey data provides an information-rich "motion-picture" of changes in the lives of residents over the past two and a half decades when trends are investigated via comparing with earlier-year results. The longitudinal trended data included in this study summarizes results of over 25,000 interviews that have been completed in a total of 57 county-specific surveys of the community in the four counties since 2000. Typically, the results of this large survey study are released in December, after sampling is completed in October. This year an unprecedented early release of the Advanced Nuclear Energy survey results is being employed to facilitate their use in the aforementioned public forum to be held at the College on November 12th. The remainder of the longitudinal survey results that have been collected in this omnibus study and an associated full longitudinal report of findings will be released to the public in December 2025, following the normal schedule.

The sponsors of these annual surveys of the Northern and Central New York communities are Jefferson Community College, CarFreshner Inc., the Northern New York Community Foundation, the Development Authority of the North Country, and the Lewis County Board of Legislature, who all provide financial support to assist in the funding of these projects.

The statewide study completed in November 2025 has been funded as a community service by Jefferson Community College, to enrich the public forum to be held on November 12th.

Advanced Nuclear Energy Generation - Adult Community Survey

Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, St. Lawrence Counties, New York (Sampling October 21-25, 2025)

Socio-demographic Cross-tabulations

The Center for Community Studies at Jefferson Community College

Watertown, New York

November 11, 2025

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Table 1 Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, St. Lawrence Counties

	All Study Participants	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Income Level			Military Affiliation		Racial Background			Political Beliefs (Ideology)			Political Affiliation (Party)				
		NNY in Oct. 2025	Jefferson	Lewis	Oswego	St. Lawrence	Man	Woman	18-39	40-59	60-69	70+	HSG	Some College	4+ YD	Up to \$50,000	\$50,001-\$100,000	Over \$100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Different Party/ No Party	Not Registered	
Have you heard anything at all about Advanced Nuclear Energy generation power plants?	Yes	49%	44%	45%	45%	49%	55%	56%	42%	40%	53%	58%	57%	37%	53%	51%	43%	47%	57%	25%	51%	50%	47%	57%	53%	46%	46%	53%	46%	30%
	No	42%	44%	48%	41%	39%	36%	47%	50%	38%	35%	34%	52%	38%	41%	47%	42%	36%	51%	41%	42%	42%	40%	35%	44%	46%	38%	46%	55%	
	Not sure	9%	12%	7%	10%	6%	8%	10%	10%	9%	7%	9%	11%	9%	8%	9%	10%	7%	24%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	8%	9%	10%	8%	9%	15%
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Unweighted n		2077	583	506	463	525	904	1117	290	655	608	486	329	872	837	488	734	703	118	1894	1891	104	687	965	362	835	540	544	86	

Table 2 Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, St. Lawrence Counties

	All Study Participants	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Income Level			Military Affiliation		Racial Background			Political Beliefs (Ideology)			Political Affiliation (Party)				
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How concerned are you with - Very concerned The impact on long term electricity rates?	Somewhat concerned	40%	41%	45%	40%	38%	35%	44%	28%	47%	50%	44%	42%	45%	26%	42%	45%	33%	30%	41%	40%	33%	45%	43%	20%	45%	31%	42%	34%	
	A little concerned	21%	19%	22%	22%	23%	21%	22%	24%	18%	19%	25%	22%	20%	25%	20%	25%	21%	21%	21%	22%	21%	16%	30%	22%	18%	29%	21%	14%	
	Not at all concerned	11%	12%	10%	12%	11%	13%	10%	12%	12%	10%	10%	10%	12%	12%	11%	12%	11%	11%	11%	12%	12%	11%	10%	11%	9%	11%	9%	21%	
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Unweighted n		2075	582	508	464	521	905	1115	289	650	609	489	328	874	834	488	733	701	121	1890	1886	106	683	967	364	829	543	545	88	

Table 3 – Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, St. Lawrence Counties

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		NNY in Oct. 2025	Jefferson	Lewis	Oswego	St. Lawrence	Man	Woman	18-39	40-59	60-69	70+	HSG	Some College	4+ YD	Up to \$50,000	\$50,001-\$100,000	Over \$100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Different Party/ No Party	Not Registered	
How concerned are you with - Very concerned The handling of spent fuel?	Somewhat concerned	29%	31%	33%	23%	33%	23%	35%	20%	29%	40%	38%	29%	29%	28%	33%	32%	23%	17%	30%	29%	28%	31%	30%	25%	26%	28%	26%	26%	
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Unweighted n		2072	583	507	462	520	903	1114	290	649	608	487	327	872	834	488	732	701	121	1886	1885	105	680	966	364	826	543	545	88	

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How concerned are you with - Very concerned Safety for local residents?	Somewhat concerned	23%	24%	27%	17%	27%	16%	29%	19%	23%	28%	23%	25%	24%	24%	33%	22%	14%	15%	23%	23%	20%	19%	19%	21%	21%	27%	18%	23%
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Unweighted n		2078	584	509	464	521	906	1117	290	650	611	489	329	875	835	488	733	703	121	1889	1889	106	683	969	364	831	543	545	88

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How concerned are you with - Very concerned	24%	25%	26%	20%	26%	20%	28%	19%	26%	28%	27%	24%	28%	13%	27%	26%	18%	21%	24%	24%	23%	25%	26%	13%	27%	19%	24%	22%	24%	20%	14%			
The dependability of the power supply?	19%	18%	24%	21%	17%	22%	16%	16%	18%	18%	18%	24%	22%	21%	19%	22%	16%	20%	19%	19%	17%	18%	18%	18%	23%	24%	17%	19%	14%	13%	14%	20%	14%	
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Unweighted n	2074	581	509	463	521	903	1116	289	650	608	489	328	874	833	487	732	702	121	1889	1885	106	682	967	364	829	543	544	88						

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Regarding Advanced Nuclear Energy generation, how important is - Affordability of electricity?	Extremely important	60%	64%	60%	57%	59%	59%	58%	62%	59%	59%	67%	61%	48%	58%	63%	56%	61%	61%	66%	60%	61%	59%	63%	60%	56%	58%	60%	65%	65%				
Very important	31%	28%	30%	35%	32%	32%	30%	29%	28%	32%	43%	32%	29%	36%	30%	29%	34%	33%	33%	33%	30%	31%	30%	34%	31%	35%	30%	30%	30%	23%	23%			
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Unweighted n	2069	577	507	463	522	902	1112	287	649	608	487	327	869	834	489	732	705	118	1891	1889	105	684	967	363	834	543	544	88						

Table 7 – Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, St. Lawrence Counties	All Study Participants		In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level		Income Level			Military Affiliation		Racial Background			Political Beliefs (Ideology)			Political Affiliation (Party)								
	NNY in Oct. 2025	Jefferson	Lewis	Oswego	St. Lawrence	Man	Woman	18-39	40-59	60-69	70+	HSG	Some College	4+ YD	Up to \$50,000	\$50,001-\$100,000	Over \$100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Different Party/ No Party	Not Registered						
Regarding Advanced Nuclear Energy generation, how important is - Preservation of open agricultural land?	Extremely important	47%	51%	53%	44%	43%	49%	46%	50%	47%	42%	42%	50%	42%	42%	48%	47%	48%	46%	47%	50%	52%	47%	37%	49%	48%	45%	36%	36%					
Very important	32%	28%	29%	36%	31%	31%	33%	31%	33%	32%	36%	30%	30%	32%	33%	32%	32%	32%	32%	32%	32%	32%	32%	32%	31%	31%	31%	42%	42%	42%				
Somewhat important	14%	13%	12%	14%	16%	16%	15%	13%	18%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	11%			
Not too important	3%	2%	2%	1%	6%	4%	2%	2%	3%	4%	5%	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	
Not at all important	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Not sure	4%	5%	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%	6%	2%	2%	3%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted n	2069	577	508	462	522	903	1112	286	651	606	488	326	866	834	486	735	704	118	1887	1883	105	685	965	364	834	543	544	87						

Table 8 – Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, St. Lawrence Counties	All Study Participants		In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level		Income Level			Military Affiliation		Racial Background			Political Beliefs (Ideology)			Political Affiliation (Party)							
	NNY in Oct. 2025	Jefferson	Lewis	Oswego	St. Lawrence	Man	Woman	18-39	40-59	60-69	70+	HSG	Some College	4+ YD	Up to \$50,000	\$50,001-\$100,000	Over \$100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Different Party/ No Party	Not Registered					
Regarding Advanced Nuclear Energy generation, how important is - Strengthening the local economic development?	Extremely important	35%	35%	34%	37%	34%	37%	35%	36%	36%	29%	31%	34%	36%	36%	36%	37%	40%	35%	36%	34%	37%	32%	36%	36%	40%	44%	42%	42%				
Very important	42%	42%	35%	44%	41%	42%	41%	42%	38%	43%	45%	43%	41%	41%	39%	39%	44%	34%	42%	42%	43%	41%	42%	42%	40%	40%	44%	44%	42%	42%			
Somewhat important	17%	17%	22%	17%	15%	18%	16%	15%	18%	17%	20%	19%	15%	19%	19%	17%	20%	14%	17%	17%	18%	15%	19%	18%	18%	18%	18%	18%	18%	18%	18%		
Not too important	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Not at all important	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	0%	1%	1																								

	All Study Participants	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups			Education Level			Income Level			Military Affiliation		Racial Background			Political Beliefs (Ideology)			Political Affiliation (Party)				
		NNY in Oct. 2025	Jefferson	Lewis	Oswego	St. Lawrence	Man	Woman	18-39	40-59	60-69	70+	HSG	Some College	4+ YD	Up to \$50,000	\$50,001- \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Different Party/ No Party	Not Registered
Regarding Advanced Nuclear Energy generation, how important is - Reducing emissions?	Extremely important	27%	28%	21%	27%	29%	21%	33%	30%	24%	27%	28%	16%	28%	34%	30%	30%	24%	33%	27%	27%	31%	16%	26%	51%	19%	41%	26%	26%
	Very important	30%	28%	23%	32%	32%	27%	34%	33%	26%	29%	35%	31%	28%	35%	30%	31%	32%	15%	31%	31%	18%	35%	36%	24%	38%	33%	26%	26%
	Somewhat important	23%	22%	33%	22%	24%	27%	20%	19%	27%	28%	22%	22%	27%	24%	20%	25%	25%	23%	19%	23%	23%	33%	22%	10%	30%	14%	22%	30%
	Not too important	9%	9%	13%	10%	7%	13%	5%	7%	11%	10%	7%	14%	9%	4%	6%	8%	9%	7%	9%	9%	5%	16%	7%	1%	12%	2%	10%	7%
	Not at all important	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	10%	2%	5%	8%	5%	4%	5%	7%	4%	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%	6%	6%	12%	5%	0%	11%	3%	4%	1%
	Not sure	5%	7%	4%	4%	3%	3%	6%	6%	4%	2%	3%	7%	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	3%	14%	4%	4%	8%	6%	1%	4%	2%	5%	11%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Unweighted n		2067	576	506	462	523	903	1109	286	650	605	488	325	869	834	487	733	705	117	1890	1887	104	683	966	363	833	540	545	88

	All Study Participants	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups			Education Level			Income Level			Military Affiliation		Racial Background			Political Beliefs (Ideology)			Political Affiliation (Party)				
		NNY in Oct. 2025	Jefferson	Lewis	Oswego	St. Lawrence	Man	Woman	18-39	40-59	60-69	70+	HSG	Some College	4+ YD	Up to \$50,000	\$50,001- \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Different Party/ No Party	Not Registered
Which of the following best reflects your opinion about Advanced Nuclear Energy generation power plants?	I am familiar enough with it to confidently know that I SUPPORT developing Advanced Nuclear Energy plants in the North Country/CNY.	32%	27%	27%	37%	32%	45%	18%	24%	39%	36%	32%	23%	33%	36%	22%	33%	40%	27%	32%	32%	29%	42%	28%	25%	39%	29%	27%	23%
	I am familiar enough with it to confidently know that I OPPOSE developing Advanced Nuclear Energy plants in the North Country/CNY.	8%	6%	10%	6%	9%	6%	10%	6%	8%	10%	7%	7%	9%	4%	8%	8%	7%	6%	8%	8%	4%	9%	7%	5%	9%	8%	6%	5%
	I NEED TO LEARN MORE about Advanced Nuclear Energy before I decide whether I support or oppose.	61%	67%	63%	57%	59%	49%	73%	69%	54%	54%	60%	70%	58%	60%	70%	59%	53%	67%	60%	60%	68%	49%	64%	70%	52%	63%	67%	72%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	Unweighted n	2060	574	505	459	522	897	1110	285	650	602	486	324	862	836	485	732	705	115	1888	1882	105	682	961	364	834	541	542	86

THE NATURE OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS STUDY

	All Study Participants NNY in Oct. 2025	In which county do you reside?			
		Jefferson	Lewis	Oswego	St. Lawrence
Gender					
Man	51%	52%	50%	50%	50%
Woman	49%	48%	50%	50%	50%
Non-binary	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Age					
18-39 years of age	39%	46%	32%	36%	36%
40-59 years of age	31%	28%	33%	31%	33%
60-69 years of age	15%	13%	19%	17%	15%
70+ years of age	15%	12%	16%	16%	16%
Education Level					
Not a College Graduate	75%	75%	75%	75%	74%
College Graduate (4+YD)	25%	25%	25%	25%	26%
Race/Ethnicity					
White	90%	83%	95%	94%	92%
Black	2%	5%	2%	2%	1%
Hispanic	4%	7%	1%	3%	2%
Asian	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%
Native American	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Multi-racial	2%	3%	1%	0%	3%
Annual Household Income					
Up to \$25,000	10%	12%	7%	8%	11%
\$25,001-\$50,000	19%	20%	20%	18%	19%
\$50,001-\$75,000	20%	22%	21%	19%	19%
\$75,001-\$100,000	17%	13%	15%	18%	19%
Over \$100,000	34%	33%	36%	37%	33%
Household Composition					
1+ Child Age Under 18 in the Household	32%	30%	39%	34%	29%
No Children Age Under 18 in the Household	68%	70%	61%	66%	71%
Military Affiliation					
Active military in household	9%	25%	1%	2%	1%
No active military in household	91%	75%	98%	98%	99%
Not sure	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Political Beliefs (Ideology)					
Very Conservative	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%
Conservative	26%	25%	37%	31%	20%
Middle of the Road	44%	42%	39%	43%	48%
Liberal	12%	10%	11%	11%	15%
Very Liberal	5%	3%	2%	5%	7%
Don't Know	9%	15%	7%	6%	6%
Political Affiliation (Party) (among those who are registered)					
Republican	40%	36%	55%	46%	33%
Democrat	26%	25%	23%	23%	31%
Other Party or No Party or Not Sure of Party	34%	39%	22%	31%	36%
2024 Presidential Election Vote					
Choice (among those who voted)					
Donald Trump	58%	57%	69%	63%	52%
Kamala Harris	42%	43%	31%	37%	48%
Sampling Modality					
Live Interview Telephone	20%	9%	25%	25%	25%
MMS Cell Text Invitation to Online	39%	35%	40%	40%	41%
Email Invitation Online	34%	34%	35%	35%	34%
Intercept Survey at Fort Drum	6%	21%	0%	0%	0%
Sample Size	2,109	593	515	472	529

This annual community survey was conducted by the Center for Community Studies at SUNY Jefferson October 21-25, 2025, among 2,109 adult residents of Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, and St. Lawrence Counties, New York. Of the 2,109 respondents, 505 live interviews were completed via telephone on both the landline and cellular phones of adult residents, an additional 1,511 surveys were completed online, with 629 via random email invitation using a nonprobability panel, and 882 via random MMS text message push-to-web invitations to cellular phones using L2 as the provider. Finally, 93 intercept surveys were completed at Fort Drum, NY to adequately represent the military-affiliated. Data from collection modes were weighted within-county to balance sample demographics to match estimates for New York State's population using data from the Census Bureau's 2023 U.S. American Community Survey (ACS), and the Department of Defense base population statistics, on: age, race/ethnicity, education, military-affiliation, and gender to ensure representativeness. For four-county regional estimates an additional weight for county population size was employed. The study has an overall margin of error of +/- 2.4 percentage points including the design effects resulting from weighting. Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other public opinion poll. The Center for Community Studies, directed by Mr. Joel LaLane, conducts public opinion research primarily in Northern NYS. CCS, an independent, non-partisan research institute, subscribes to the American Association of Public Opinion Research Code of Professional Ethics and Practices.

Advanced Nuclear Energy Generation - Adult Community Survey

Statewide in New York State (Sampling November 6-8, 2025)

Socio-demographic Cross-tabulations

The Center for Community Studies at Jefferson Community College

Watertown, New York

November 11, 2025

NOTE: Statistics in the same row of any subtable that do not share a subscript are statistically significantly different ($p<0.05$), while those that do share a subscript are not significantly different.

Table 1 Statewide in NYS	All Study Participants	NY State Regions						Gender		Age Groups				Education Level		Income Level						Racial Background		Political Beliefs (Ideology)			Political Affiliation (Party)				
		NYS in Nov 2025	Northern	Western	Capital	Mid-Hudson	Long Island	NYC	Man	Woman	18-39	40-59	60-69	70+	HSG	Some College	4+ YD	Up to \$50,000	\$50,001-\$75,000	\$75,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$125,000	Over \$125,000	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Different Party/ No Party	Not Registered
Have you heard anything at all about Advanced Nuclear Energy generation power plants?	Yes	33%	33%	32%	43%	33%	33%	30%	43%	22%	26%	36%	34%	39%	28%	30%	37%	30%	28%	30%	31%	42%	36%	28%	38%	31%	40%	30%	29%	37%	
	No	56%	61%	58%	44%	60%	57%	55%	45%	68%	62%	53%	50%	54%	63%	58%	55%	53%	66%	55%	61%	47%	54%	59%	53%	58%	56%	54%	58%	47%	
	Not sure	11%	5%	10%	14%	7%	10%	15%	12%	10%	12%	10%	16%	6%	9%	12%	10%	12%	12%	15%	9%	10%	10%	13%	9%	11%	13%	6%	11%	15%	
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
Unweighted n		972	202	187	92	117	136	238	444	475	95	315	244	284	68	262	604	167	140	151	147	284	749	171	250	347	340	258	436	218	21

Table 2 Statewide in NYS	All Study Participants	NY State Regions						Gender		Age Groups				Education Level		Income Level						Racial Background		Political Beliefs (Ideology)			Political Affiliation (Party)				
		NYS in Nov 2025	Northern	Western	Capital	Mid-Hudson	Long Island	NYC	Man	Woman	18-39	40-59	60-69	70+	HSG	Some College	4+ YD	Up to \$50,000	\$50,001-\$75,000	\$75,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$125,000	Over \$125,000	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Different Party/ No Party	Not Registered
How concerned are you with the impact on long term electricity rates?	Very concerned	48%	59%	43%	39%	42%	55%	43%	53%	34%	57%	55%	57%	57%	51%	43%	58%	54%	48%	45%	40%	42%	60%	44%	57%	42%	52%	42%	43%		
	Somewhat concerned	16%	12%	17%	16%	23%	23%	13%	14%	19%	20%	11%	17%	19%	28%	12%	18%	14%	17%	18%	21%	15%	18%	13%	20%	13%	16%	17%	18%		
	A little concerned	11%	12%	10%	17%	9%	10%	15%	7%	15%	12%	21%	8%	8%	7%	2%	9%	15%	11%	8%	12%	14%	13%	7%	11%	11%	12%	11%	12%		
	Not at all concerned	14%	8%	16%	18%	18%	17%	12%	12%	10%	10%	13%	13%	8%	10%	4%	15%	8%	16%	11%	5%	13%	16%	23%	15%	12%	14%	16%	14%		
	Not sure	10%	10%	14%	10%	12%	9%	10%	8%	13%	13%	12%	10%	10%	4%	15%	8%	6%	10%	10%	10%	10%	11%	8%	8%	15%	12%	7%	12%	27%	
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
Unweighted n		963	200	186	92	116	136	233	439	472	94	313	243	280	68	260	598	165	139	149	147	281	743	169	248	345	336	257	431	218	20

Table 3 Statewide in NYS	All Study Participants	NY State Regions						Gender		Age Groups				Education Level		Income Level						Racial Background		Political Beliefs (Ideology)			Political Affiliation (Party)				
		NYS in Nov 2025	Northern	Western	Capital	Mid-Hudson	Long Island	NYC	Man	Woman	18-39	40-59	60-69	70+	HSG	Some College	4+ YD	Up to \$50,000	\$50,001-\$75,000	\$75,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$125,000	Over \$125,000	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Different Party/ No Party	Not Registered
How concerned are you with the handling of spent fuel?	Very concerned	47%	45%	32%	40%	48%	48%	55%	43%	51%	36%	49%	55%	65%	36%	46%	52%	52%	47%	53%	41%	45%	50%	37%	49%	53%	34%	43%	30%		
	Somewhat concerned	22%	26%	26%	28%	13%	17%	17%	23%	18%	26%	25%	21%	19%	19%	22%	24%	19%	15%	23%	25%	19%	22%	22%	23%	24%	21%	25%	8%		
	A little concerned	10%	9%	16%	15%	15%	14%	8%	7%	7%	10%	11%	11%	9%	10%	9%	12%	6%	18%	9%	11%	10%	10%	13%	11%	11%	9%	9%	11%		
	Not at all concerned	9%	7%	13%	13%	13%	13%	12%	12%	12%	10%	10%	9%	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	9%	9%	8%	11%	12%	11%	14%	7%	
	Not sure	12%	13%	14%	5%	12%	15%	15%	9%	14%	19%	9%	6%	4%	17%	14%	8%	10%	15%	12%	5%	11%	12%	8%	14%	11%	10%	9%	11%	47%	
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
Unweighted n		964	201	185	92	117	136	233	441	470	95	312	243	280	68	260	598	165	139	149	147	281	743	169	248	345	336	257	431	217	20

Table 4 Statewide in NYS	All Study Participants	NY State Regions						Gender		Age Groups				Education Level		Income Level						Racial Background		Political Beliefs (Ideology)			Political Affiliation (Party)				
		NYS in Nov 2025	Northern	Western	Capital	Mid-Hudson	Long Island	NYC	Man	Woman	18-39	40-59	60-69	70+	HSG	Some College	4+ YD	Up to \$50,000	\$50,001-\$75,000	\$75,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$125,000	Over \$125,000	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Different Party/ No Party	Not Registered
How concerned are you with safety for local residents?	Very concerned	37%	34%	25%	26%	32%	42%	45%	30%	43%	27%	39%	44%	45%	29%	36%	38%	45%	40%	31%	39%	32%	31%	45%	32%	38%	28%	43%	31%		
	Somewhat concerned	21%	24%	22%	22%	27%	17%	15%	16%	13%	20%	10%	9%	18%	14%	15%	15%	15%	23%	20%	22%	27%	32%	17%	17%	19%	16%	24%	34%		
	A little concerned	14%	18%	13%	17%	15%	16%	13%	20%	10%	9%	18%	14%	13%	19%	18%	18%	15%	15%	13%	17%	15%	18%	17%	19%	18%	12%	17%	10%		
	Not at all concerned	19%	12%	30%	32%	26%	12%	14%	27%	11%	23%	20%	18%	9%	7%	12%	10%	10%	20%	22%	22%	27%	17%	19%	14%	16%	16%	20%	0%		
	Not sure	9%	12%	10%	3%	10%	7%	9%	6%	11%	14%	8%	5%	3%	7%	7%	5%	5%	17%	9%	30%	22%	14%	14%	19%	16%	16%	20%	25%		
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
Unweighted n		969	202	187	92	117	136	235	442	474	95	314	243	283	68	262	601	166	140	150	147	283	747	170	249	346	339	258	434	218	20

Table 5 Statewide in NYS	All Study Participants	NY State Regions						Gender		Age Groups				Education Level		Income Level						Racial Background		Political Beliefs (Ideology)			Political Affiliation (Party)					
	NYS in Nov 2025	Northern	Western	Capital	Mid-Hudson	Long Island	NYC	Man	Woman	18-39	40-59	60-69	70+	HSG	Some College	4+ YD	Up to \$50,000	\$50,001-\$75,000	\$75,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$125,000	Over \$125,000	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Different Party/ No Party	Not Registered		
How concerned are you with the dependability of the power supply?	Very concerned	33%	34%	23%	27%	25%	37%	40%	30%	36%	22%	38%	39%	42%	39%	32%	32%	42%	40%	29%	33%	25%	25%	47%	31%	39%	28%	27%	38%	29%	1%	
- Somewhat concerned	21%	24%	23%	16%	21%	14%	20%	14%	14%	20%	23%	15%	21%	26%	29%	17%	21%	17%	22%	21%	26%	25%	18%	22%	17%	21%	20%	24%	24%	1%	42%	
A little concerned	12%	15%	14%	12%	17%	8%	12%	8%	14%	10%	10%	17%	11%	13%	13%	11%	13%	18%	10%	14%	11%	9%	10%	10%	13%	10%	14%	10%	12%	13%	23%	
Not at all concerned	23%	18%	29%	38%	26%	23%	19%	32%	15%	27%	28%	21%	10%	10%	11%	25%	13%	13%	18%	17%	22%	20%	17%	21%	21%	20%	20%	12%	11%	11%	0%	
Not sure	10%	9%	11%	7%	11%	6%	12%	7%	13%	14%	9%	10%	4%	8%	14%	7%	9%	15%	8%	6%	9%	14%	17%	17%	14%	14%	14%	14%	9%	11%	8%	34%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Unweighted n	966	202	187	92	116	136	233	441	473	94	314	243	282	68	262	599	165	140	150	147	282	745	170	249	345	338	258	433	218	20		

Table 6 Statewide in NYS	All Study Participants	NY State Regions						Gender		Age Groups				Education Level		Income Level						Racial Background		Political Beliefs (Ideology)			Political Affiliation (Party)						
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Regarding Advanced Nuclear Energy generation, how important is - Affordability of electricity?	Extremely important	62%	66%	67%	55%	54%	63%	61%	62%	52%	70%	67%	64%	53%	68%	59%	65%	66%	55%	62%	65%	64%	62%	60%	60%	66%	66%	57%	41%				
Very important	27%	25%	21%	27%	34%	34%	30%	26%	30%	23%	28%	30%	43%	19%	31%	25%	19%	36%	34%	25%	26%	29%	28%	28%	26%	29%	29%	33%	33%				
Somewhat important	6%	3%	7%	4%	7%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	8%	6%	5%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	10%	0%		
Not too important	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		
Not at all important	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		
Not sure	4%	6%	3%	1%	2%	4%	4%	2%	6%	9%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	8%	3%	2%	1%	1%	0%	4%	7%	1%	4%	4%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	26%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted n	966	202	187	91	116	136	232	440	472	94	313	243	281	68	261	598	166	138	149	147	282	745	168	249	346	335	258	430	218	21			

Table 7 Statewide in NYS	All Study Participants	NY State Regions						Gender		Age Groups				Education Level		Income Level						Racial Background		Political Beliefs (Ideology)			Political Affiliation (Party)					
	NYS in Nov 2025	Northern	Western	Capital	Mid-Hudson	Long Island	NYC	Man	Woman	18-39	40-59	60-69	70+	HSG	Some College	4+ YD	Up to \$50,000	\$50,001-\$75,000	\$75,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$125,000	Over \$125,000	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Different Party/ No Party	Not Registered		
Regarding Advanced Nuclear Energy generation, how important is - Preservation of open agricultural land?	Extremely important	50%	47%	53%	68%	44%	47%	47%	51%	49%	47%	53%	55%	45%	55%	46%	62%	52%	45%	44%	47%	49%	51%	53%	45%	53%	46%	49%	53%	61%		
Very important	26%	34%	19%	19%	27%	27%	28%	28%	26%	21%	29%	27%	35%	36%	20%	30%	21%	24%	34%	35%	23%	26%	29%	27%	28%	29%	29%	29%	29%	3%		
Somewhat important	14%	11%	15%	8%	22%	9%	14%	17%	11%	15%	16%	13%	6%	16%	11%	11%	16%	8%	14%	14%	14%	19%	15%	12%	13%	10%	14%	14%	14%	7%		
Not too important	4%	2%	7%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Not at all important	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Not sure	5%	6%	4%	1%	3%	6%	6%	5%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	9%	8%	8%	8%	8%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	26%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted n	966	200	187	91	116	135	233	439	472	94	312	243	281	68	261	597	166	139	149	147	281	743	169	248	346	335	257	430	218	21		

Table 8 Statewide in NYS	All Study Participants	NY State Regions						Gender		Age Groups				Education Level		Income Level						Racial Background		Political Beliefs (Ideology)			Political Affiliation (Party)					
	NYS in Nov 2025	Northern	Western	Capital	Mid-Hudson	Long Island	NYC	Man	Woman	18-39	40-59	60-69	70+	HSG	Some College	4+ YD	Up to \$50,000	\$50,001-\$75,000	\$75,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$125,000	Over \$125,000	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Different Party/ No Party	Not Registered		
Regarding Advanced Nuclear Energy generation, how important is - Strengthening the local economic development?	Extremely important	41%	43%	37%	34%	33%	44%	45%	40%	42%	38%	39%	37%	35%	43%	40%	52%	38%	32%	33%	37%	33%	56%	42%	40%	42%	38%	44%	32%	70%		
Very important	31%	34%	32%	38%	32%	32%	27%	30%	36%	27%	29%	40%	38%	17%	30%	35%	24%	32%	36%	33%	37%	37%	27%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	0%	
Somewhat important	18%	20%	15%	24%	26%	18%	14%	17%	19%	21%	18%	12%	17%	15%	15%	15%	21%	11%	14%	19%	21%	21%	17%	14%	14%	14%	14%	14%	14%	14%	2%	
Not too important	4%	2%	6%	0%	1%	5%	3%	6%	6%	6%	4%	3%	3%	3%	9%	9%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	0%
Not at all important	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	5%	0%	0%	0%	3%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1

Table 10 Statewide in NYS	All Study Participants	NY State Regions						Gender		Age Groups			Education Level		Income Level						Racial Background		Political Beliefs (Ideology)			Political Affiliation (Party)											
	NYS in Nov 2025	Northern	Western	Capital	Mid-Hudson	Long Island	NYC	Man	Woman	18-39	40-59	60-69	70+	HSG	Some College	4+ YD	Up to \$50,000	\$50,001-\$75,000	\$75,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$125,000	Over \$125,000	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Different Party/ No Party	Not Registered							
Regarding Advanced Nuclear Energy generation, how important is - Reducing emissions?	Extremely important	43%	38%	30%	48%	38%	34%	55%	48%	39%	46%	44%	44%	23%	40%	50%	49%	40%	33%	46%	46%	40%	47%	17%	40%	64%	20%	60%	34%	20%	c						
	Very important	23%	18%	29%	22%	22%	26%	21%	24%	23%	25%	24%	22%	25%	21%	25%	18%	36%	21%	22%	22%	22%	27%	16%	24%	25%	16%	25%	29%	17%	17%	b					
	Somewhat important	16%	21%	13%	13%	13%	30%	22%	24%	11%	18%	15%	13%	19%	19%	15%	31%	17%	12%	16%	16%	12%	21%	17%	18%	13%	31%	16%	6%	25%	10%	21%	b				
	Not too important	7%	10%	11%	8%	5%	8%	11%	4%	5%	5%	9%	11%	5%	8%	9%	6%	5%	12%	6%	4%	4%	8%	8%	18%	15%	8%	18%	24%	16%	29%	18%	b				
	Not at all important	5%	7%	7%	7%	2%	6%	3%	7%	3%	6%	6%	12%	1%	2%	6%	9%	1%	7%	1%	4%	1%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	b			
	Not sure	5%	6%	10%	1%	4%	5%	4%	3%	3%	6%	12%	1%	2%	2%	6%	9%	1%	7%	12%	1%	4%	0%	1%	5%	6%	14%	3%	3%	12%	12%	5%	1%	6%	38%	b	
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	c
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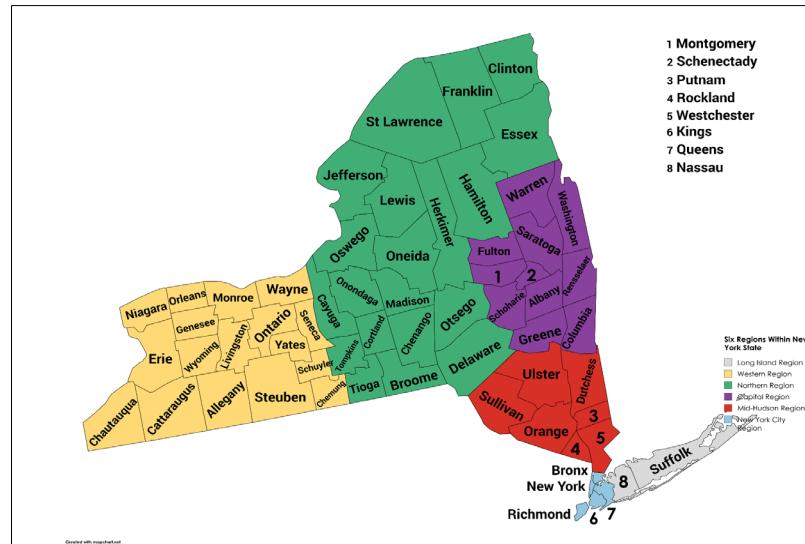
Table 11 Statewide in NYS	All Study Participants	NY State Regions						Gender		Age Groups			Education Level		Income Level						Racial Background		Political Beliefs (Ideology)			Political Affiliation (Party)										
	NYS in Nov 2025	Northern	Western	Capital	Mid-Hudson	Long Island	NYC	Man	Woman	18-39	40-59	60-69	70+	HSG	Some College	4+ YD	Up to \$50,000	\$50,001-\$75,000	\$75,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$125,000	Over \$125,000	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Different Party/ No Party	Not Registered						
Which of the following best reflects your opinion about Advanced Nuclear Energy generation power plants?	I am familiar enough with it to confidently know that I SUPPORT developing Advanced Nuclear Energy plants in the region that includes my county.	23%	22%	28%	46%	24%	24%	24%	17%	38%	10%	23%	28%	21%	19%	21%	26%	22%	16%	15%	20%	27%	35%	29%	16%	32%	24%	18%	40%	16%	25%	21%	c			
	I am familiar enough with it to confidently know that I OPPOSE developing Advanced Nuclear Energy plants in the region that includes my county.	12%	11%	6%	10%	20%	7%	16%	11%	13%	7%	15%	14%	16%	12%	11%	13%	18%	20%	9%	8%	7%	10%	15%	12%	9%	16%	10%	16%	8%	5%	b				
	I NEED TO LEARN MORE about Advanced Nuclear Energy before I decide whether I support or oppose.	64%	67%	66%	43%	57%	69%	67%	50%	77%	71%	57%	64%	65%	67%	63%	64%	66%	72%	65%	57%	61%	69%	57%	67%	67%	50%	68%	67%	67%	74%	b				
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	c
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THE NATURE OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS STUDY

Table 12 Statewide in NYS

Table 12 Statewide in NYS		All Study Participants NYS in Nov 2025
NYS Region of Residence		
Northern (n=202)	10%	
Western (n=187)	15%	
Capital (n=92)	7%	
Mid-Hudson (n=117)	12%	
Long Island (n=136)	16%	
New York City (n=238)	40%	
Gender		
Man	49%	
Woman	50%	
Non-binary	1%	
Age		
18-39 years of age	36%	
40-59 years of age	33%	
60-69 years of age	16%	
70+ years of age	15%	
Education Level		
High school graduate or less	12%	
Some college, less than 4-year degree	42%	
College graduate (4+YD)	46%	
Race/Ethnicity		
White	61%	
Black	15%	
Hispanic	13%	
Asian	6%	
Native American	1%	
Multi-racial	4%	
Annual Household Income		
Up to \$50,000	24%	
\$50,001-\$75,000	15%	
\$75,001-\$100,000	19%	
\$100,001-\$125,000	14%	
Over \$125,000	28%	
Household Composition		
1+ Child Age Under 18 in the Household	27%	
No Children Age Under 18 in the Household	73%	
Political Beliefs (Ideology)		
Very Conservative	6%	
Conservative	19%	
Middle of the Road	34%	
Liberal	22%	
Very Liberal	14%	
Don't Know	5%	
Political Affiliation (Party) (among those who are registered)		
Republican	23%	
Democrat	49%	
Other Party or No Party or Not Sure of Party	23%	
Not Registered	6%	
2024 Presidential Election Vote Choice (among those who voted)		
Donald Trump	40%	
Kamala Harris	60%	
Sample Size		2,109

This survey was conducted by the Center for Community Studies at SUNY Jefferson November 6-8, 2025, among 972 adult residents of New York State. All 972 respondents were contacted by text messages with survey links included using cellular phones provided by Aristotle. Data were weighted to balance sample demographics to match estimates for New York State's population using data from the Census Bureau's 2023 U.S. American Community Survey (ACS): age, region in state, race/ethnicity, education, and gender to ensure representativeness. The study has an overall margin of error of +/- 3.8 percentage points including the design effects resulting from weighting. Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other public opinion poll. The Center for Community Studies, directed by Mr. Joel LaLone, conducts public opinion research primarily in Northern NYS. CCS, an independent, non-partisan research institute, subscribes to the American Association of Public Opinion Research Code of Professional Ethics and Practices.





Nuclear Energy Public Forum

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

6:00-8:00 PM

Sturtz Theater, JCC, Watertown, NY

Housekeeping

The organization of this event:

Itinerary

1. Welcome, Dr. Daniel Dupee, President, SUNY Jefferson (6:00-6:05)
2. Public Opinion Research Results, Mr. Joel LaLone, Director, Center for Community Studies (6:05-6:20)
3. Expert Panelist Educational Presentations, 5 minutes each (6:20-6:50)
4. Public Q/A (6:50-8:00)
 - a. From early-online registration submissions
 - b. From this evening's audience

Public Q/A

1. All questions must be submitted by one of these **three methods**:
 - a. During the online preregistration process.
 - b. Via the QR Code on the program and posters using the Slido App.
 - c. Hand-written, submitted by raising hand and CCS Staff & Students will retrieve from you.
****There will be no open mic to pose questions aloud live this evening.*
2. Expert panelists will answer questions.
3. ALL questions will be answered either live tonight, or via email soon thereafter.



Center for Community Studies – Mission

*The Center for Community Studies at Jefferson Community College supports and facilitates a wide range of community-building and educational activities that engage the community. In collaboration with community partners, The Center conducts unbiased **community-based research** and provides a **forum** for the productive discussion of ideas and issues of significance to the community.*

Center for Community Studies – History

Community-Based Research

The Center for CS has completed over 200 public opinion research survey-based studies over the past 26 years. CCS is a member of both AAPOR and AASRO and uses industry standard best practices methods of data collection and methods of data analysis.

Public Forums

In collaboration with an Advisory Board of community leaders from throughout NNY, the Center for CS has continuously offered speakers and panels free to the public. This evening is the latest offering.



Recent Public Opinion Research – Completed in 4- County NNY/CNY, and NYS Statewide



Four-County NNY/CNY Survey Study (n=2,109)

Eleven nuclear energy-related survey questions were included in the omnibus portion of the annual quality-of-life and community issues survey of NNY/CNY counties that is completed each October. Data collected October 21-25, 2025. This study is annually funded by NNYCF, DANC, Lewis County Legislature, and JCC. (weighted for Sex, Age, Education, Geography, Military, Race; including Design Effect, resulting regional Margin of Error of $\pm 2.4\%$)

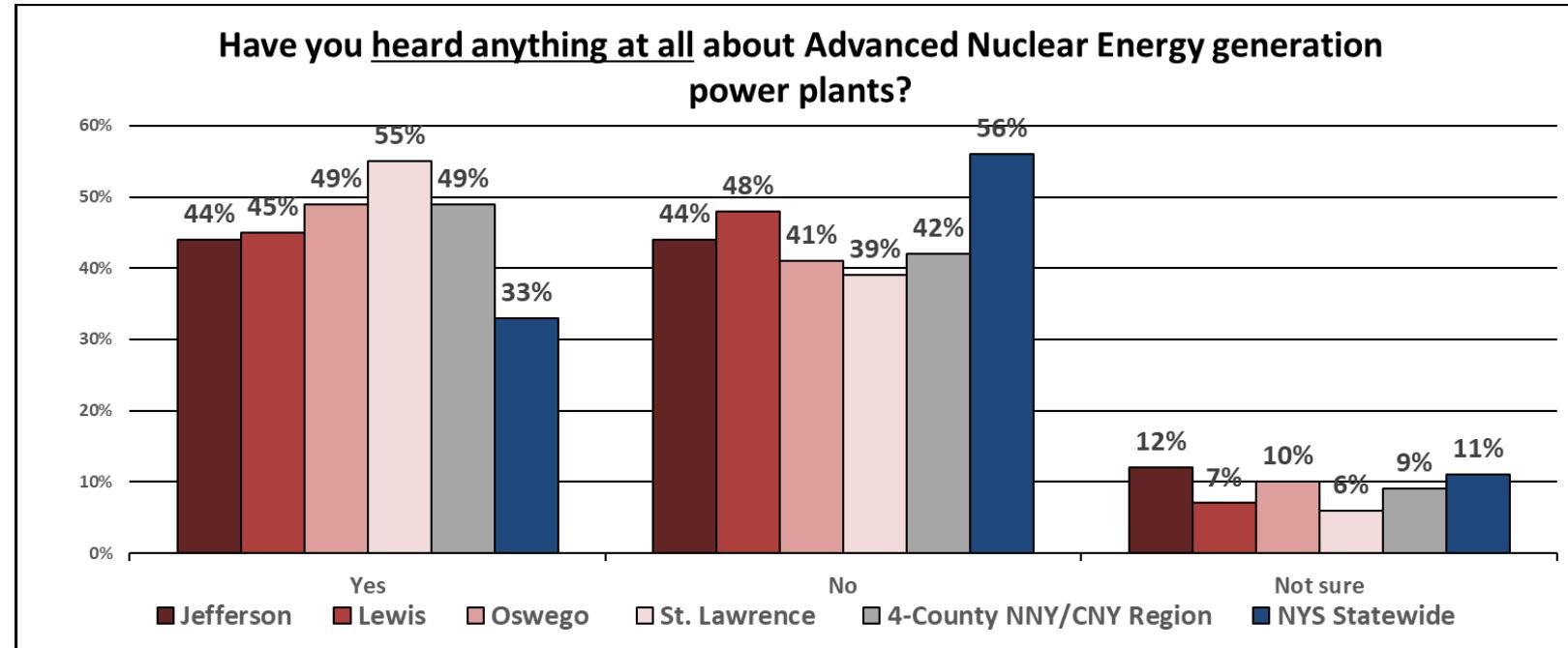


NYS Statewide Survey Study (n=972)

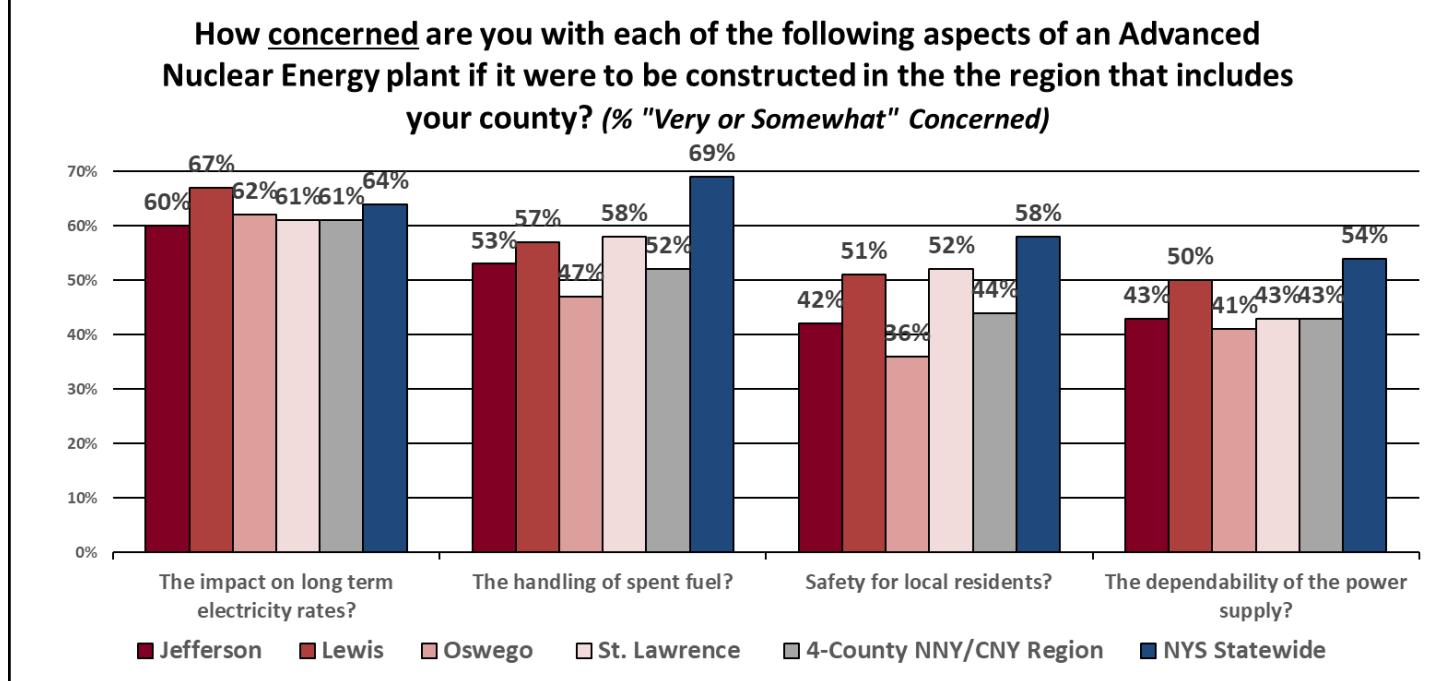
The same quality-of-life and community issues survey instrument described and used above was fielded throughout the entirety of NYS, with participants from every one of the 62 counties in NYS. Data collected November 6-8, 2025. This study has been funded by JCC as a community service. (weighted for Sex, Age, Education, Geography, Race; including Design Effect, resulting statewide Margin of Error of $\pm 3.8\%$)

Survey Results
Measuring Public Opinion
Locally and Statewide

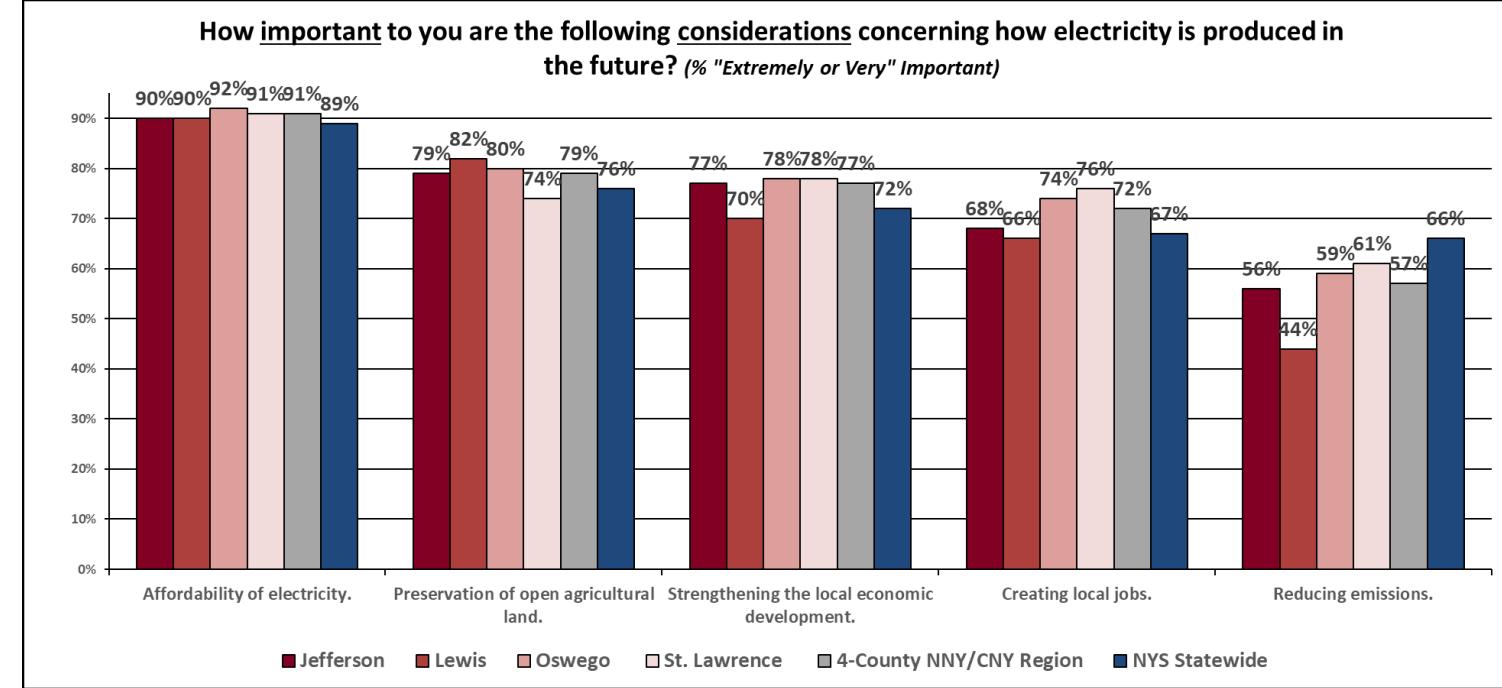
Familiarity with New Advanced Nuclear Power Generation Technology



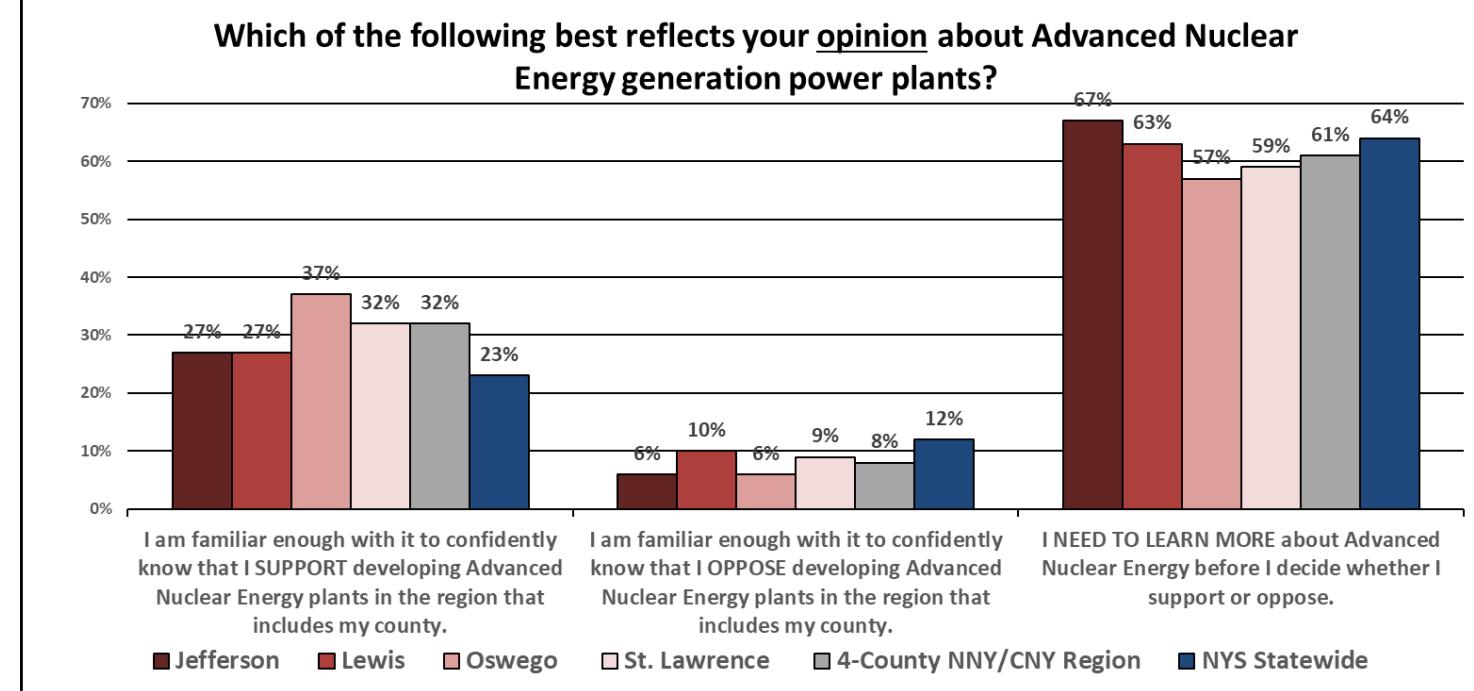
Concerns with New Advanced Nuclear Power Generation



Importance of Other Considerations with Advanced Nuclear Energy Power Generation



Interest in Learning More about New Advanced Nuclear Power Generation Technology

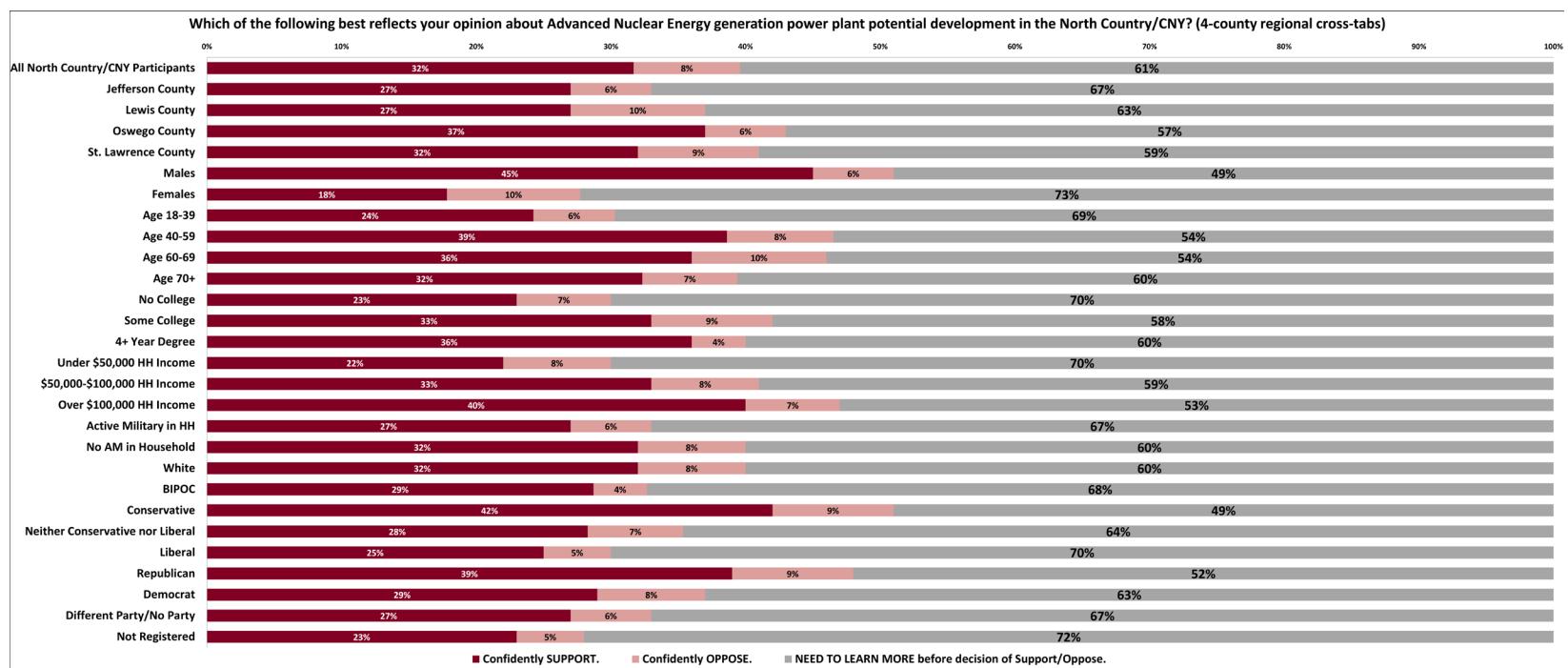


Digging Deeper Every survey question, in each study, has been cross-tabulated by key socio-demographics (geography, gender, age, education, political ID, etc.)

Table 6 – Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, St. Lawrence Counties		All Study Participants	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Income Level			Military Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Beliefs (Ideology)			Political Affiliation (Party)			
		NNY in Oct. 2025	Jefferson	Lewis	Oswego	St. Lawrence	Man	Woman	18-39	40-59	60-69	70+	HSG	Some College	4+ YD	Up to \$50,000	\$50,001-\$100,000	Over \$100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Different Party/No Party	Not Registered
Regarding Advanced Nuclear Energy generation, how important is - Affordability of electricity?	Extremely important	60%	64% ^a	60% ^{a,b}	57% ^b	59% ^{a,b}	58% ^a	62% ^b	59% ^a	67% ^b	61% ^{a,b}	48% ^c	58% ^{a,b}	63% ^a	56% ^b	61% ^a	61% ^a	60% ^a	66% ^a	60% ^a	61% ^a	59% ^a	63% ^a	60% ^a	56% ^a	62% ^a	58% ^a	60% ^a	65% ^a
	Very important	31%	26% ^a	30% ^{a,b}	35% ^b	32% ^{a,b}	32% ^a	30% ^a	29% ^a	28% ^a	32% ^a	43% ^b	32% ^{a,b}	29% ^a	36% ^b	30% ^a	29% ^a	34% ^a	14% ^a	33% ^b	31% ^a	30% ^a	30% ^a	31% ^a	34% ^a	31% ^{a,b}	35% ^a	30% ^{a,b}	23% ^b
	Somewhat important	6%	5% ^a	6% ^a	5% ^a	7% ^a	8% ^a	4% ^b	7% ^a	4% ^a	5% ^a	6% ^a	5% ^a	6% ^a	5% ^a	6% ^a	5% ^a	4% ^a	10% ^a	5% ^b	6% ^a	4% ^a	5% ^a	8% ^a	5% ^a	6% ^a	7% ^a	4% ^a	
	Not too important	0%	0% ^a	1% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	1% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	1% ^a	0% ^b	0% ^a	1% ^b	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^{a,b}	0% ^a	0% ^a	2% ^b
	Not at all important	0%	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	0% ^a	
	Not sure	3%	4% ^a	3% ^a	2% ^a	2% ^a	2% ^a	3% ^b	4% ^a	2% ^{a,b}	1% ^b	3% ^a	2% ^a	2% ^a	2% ^a	3% ^a	2% ^a	1% ^a	9% ^a	2% ^b	2% ^a	5% ^b	2% ^{a,b}	3% ^a	1% ^b	1% ^{a,b}	1% ^a	4% ^{b,c}	7% ^c
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Unweighted n		2069	577	507	463	522	902	1112	287	649	608	487	327	869	834	489	732	705	118	1891	1889	105	684	967	363	834	543	544	88

Digging Deeper

Every survey question, in each study, has been cross-tabulated by key socio-demographics (geography, gender, age, education, political ID, and more)



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