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THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY STUDIES TO RELEASE RESULTS OF NORTH COUNTRY PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY REGARDING THE FUTURE ENERGY LANDSCAPE AND POWER GENERATION IN THE NORTH COUNTRY

HOSTING A PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL FORUM AT JCC ON NOVEMBER 12TH

Details Regarding the Public Educational Forum at JCC on November 12, 2026

For the past two years the Center for Community Studies at Jefferson Community College has surveyed adults regarding electrical energy generation in the future. A key outcome of this local public opinion research has been the prevalent desire expressed by residents to learn more about all factors that impact electricity supply and demand along with facts regarding options available in the future.

The Center is excited to invite community members to an evening of learning about "NY's Changing Energy Landscape and Local Considerations – *Powering NY in the Future*". The free public educational forum will involve four presentations from these experts (followed by Q/A):

1. The Center for Community Studies will release survey data from 2,471 adults surveyed in Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, and St. Lawrence Counties in October 2026.
2. The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) will provide an overview of the state's electrical grid and how it works.
3. The Tug Hill Commission will provide a regional perspective on what the changing energy landscape means for North Country residents.
4. Clarkson University's Center for Electric Power System Research will address how these changes are affecting the consumer and energy bills.

The forum will be held on JCC's campus on Thursday November 12th from 6:00-8:00 pm, in Room 6-002 in the Jules Center. With appreciation to Jefferson Community College, the Northern New York Community Foundation, the Jefferson County Board of Legislature, and the Lewis County Board of Legislature this event is free of charge for the public to enjoy.

Recent North Country Survey Results Regarding Energy in the Future

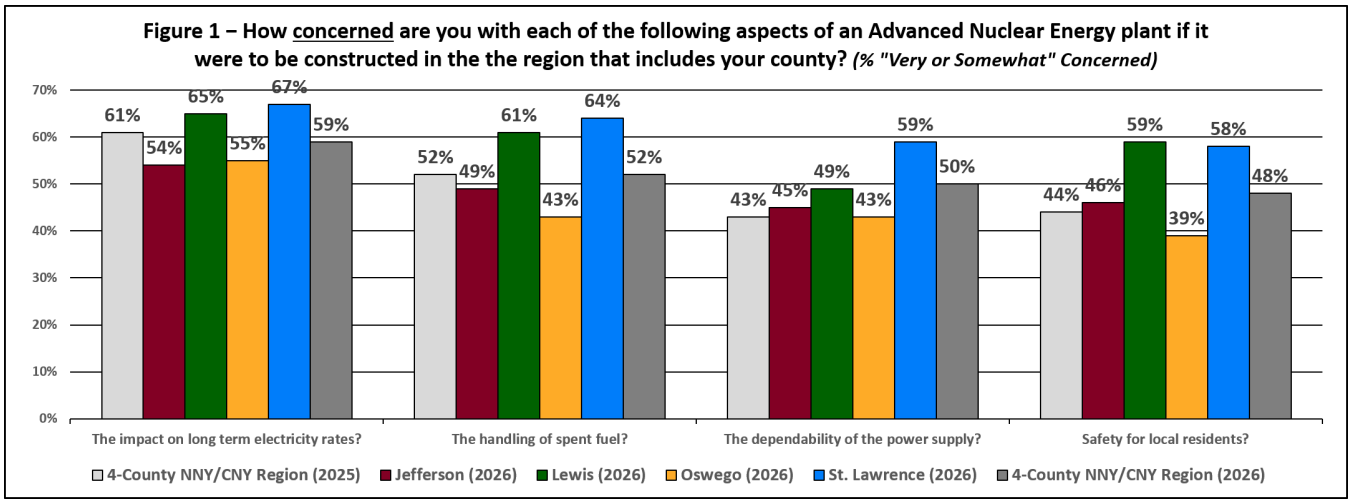
Purpose and Background for this Public Opinion Survey Study

The Center for Community Studies at Jefferson Community College completed its 27th Annual North Country Survey of the Community in October 2026. 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 omnibus, or add-on, survey items are a free service that the Center provides to local communities and groups. For the past two years an additional survey topic that has been studied involves electrical power generation in the future, with investigation of public opinion regarding new advanced nuclear energy technology. Survey questions recently have addressed residents' 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. In 2026, these survey items continued to be tracked to determine whether attitudes have changed, and two further energy-related items were added to the research. New survey items in 2026 were: resident expectations regarding the impact that nuclear plant development in a community would have on local residents, and levels of support versus opposition of potential development of data centers in the region.

Highlighted Findings from this Survey Study

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

1. ***Please indicate whether you have <u>concerns</u> 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. The dependability of the power supply?***
    - ***d. Safety for local residents?***



Among four potential concerns that were studied, clearly the aspect of an Advanced Nuclear Energy power plant that continues to be of most concern to Northern and Central NY residents is a pocketbook issue – concern with the impact on long-term electricity rates, with 59% of participants expressing that they are *very or somewhat* concerned with future rates. One year ago, concern with long term electricity rates was also identified as the greatest concern with a regional rate of 61% rate. Clear differences in level of concerns when comparing the four sampled NY counties emerge in 2026, with residents of Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties expressing the most concerns, and residents of Oswego and Jefferson Counties expressing the least concerns. Levels of concern for the impact on long-term electricity rates (the *largest* concern expressed) are *not* significantly different when comparing the two largest political affiliations – for example, among Republicans 42% are very concerned with this affordability aspect, while among Democrats this rate is similarly 43%.

2. How <u>important</u> to you are the following <u>considerations</u> with how electricity is produced in the future?

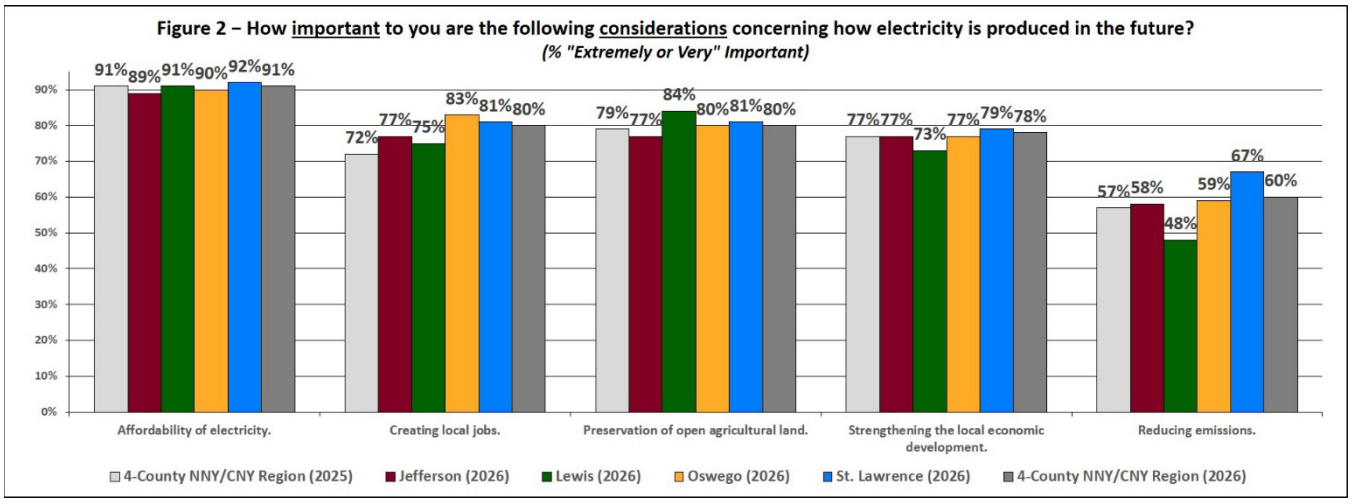
a. Affordability of electricity.

b. Creating local jobs.

c. Preservation of open agricultural land.

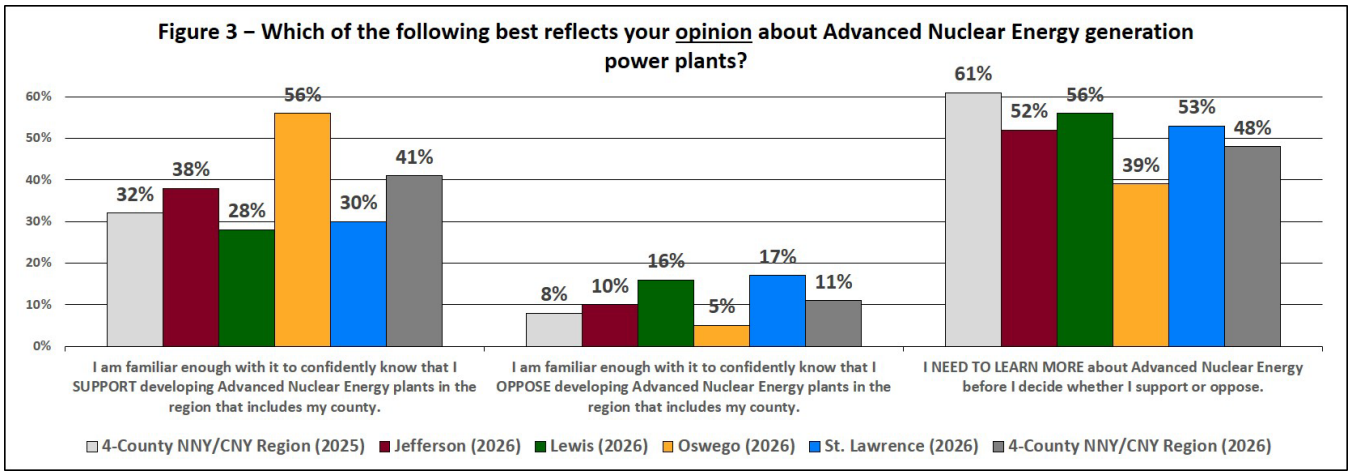
d. Strengthening the local economic development.

e. Reducing emissions.



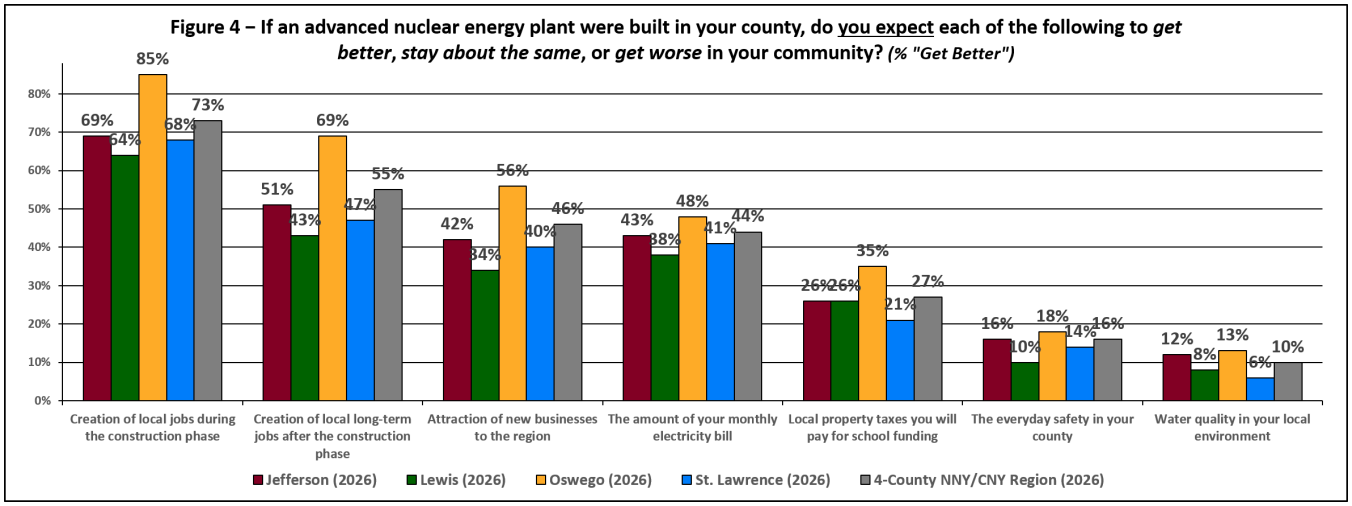
Among five studied considerations, or potential positive impacts, of Advanced Nuclear Energy generation, clearly the aspect of an Advanced Nuclear Energy power plant that continues to be of most importance to residents is a personal economic issue – importance of the future affordability of electricity. A very large 91% of Northern and Central NY participants express that this consideration in 2026 is "extremely or very" important to them (62% respond "extremely", 28% respond "very", while only 2% respond either "not too" or "not at all" important). This rate of responding "extremely or very" important is unchanged from 91% found in 2025. The most notable change in attitude regarding these studied considerations is that in 2025 "creating local jobs" was the fourth most important consideration, while one year later in 2026 this consideration has now become the second most important ("extremely or very" important rate increased from 72% to 80% in past year). "Reducing emissions" continues to be of least importance to residents of Northern and Central NY with only 60% responding "extremely or very" important, and particularly low in Lewis County where the rate decreases to only 48%. Perceived importance of the affordability of electricity (the *largest* perceived importance expressed) is *not* significantly different when comparing any of the socio-demographic subgroups included in this study, with virtually every subgroup having approximately 90% responding "extremely or very" important. The two largest political affiliations do not differ in perceived importance of electricity affordability – for example, among Republicans 92% perceive this as "extremely or very" important, while among Democrats this rate is similarly 92%.

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



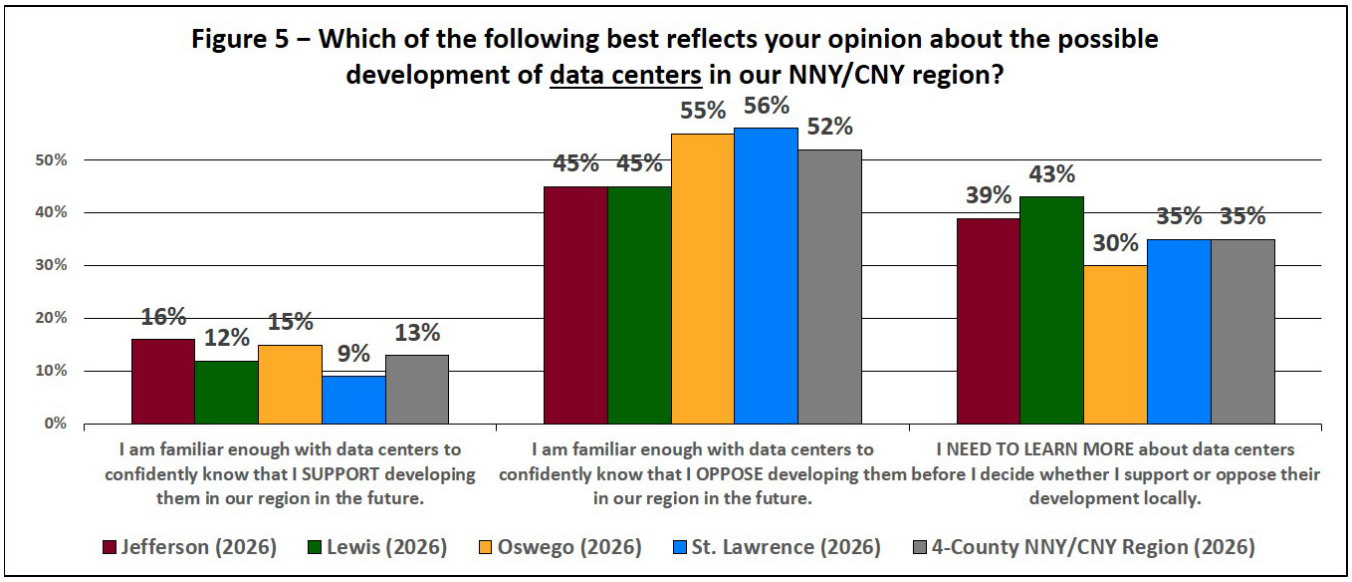
A survey question in this study "Which of the following best reflects your opinion about Advanced Nuclear Energy generation power plants?" has been designed with two goals: (1) identification of the level of desire to learn more about nuclear energy technology, and (2) among those residents who do feel that they know enough about the technology to confidently decide – do they support or oppose potential future development of these power plants in the region that includes their county? Two key findings emerge from the data in 2026. First, in 2025 a majority of adult residents, more than three-in-five in Northern and Central NY (61%) indicated that they felt that they need to learn more before they could confidently decide whether they supported or opposed the future development. This rate has decreased to a minority at 48% one year later. Second, among those who feel that they are well enough informed to confidently decide, it continues to more common that residents are in support rather than in opposition of the development of nuclear power generation plants in the future (by a wide almost 4:1 ratio in Northern and Central NY in 2026, 41% to 11%, respectively, with these rates in the region being 32% and 8% in 2025). Oswego County residents by far express the greatest level of support among the four studied counties (in Oswego County 56% support while only 5% oppose, more than an 11:1 ratio). Beyond this geographic county-specific comparison, it is also of note among every socio-demographic subgroup there is more support for this nuclear plant development expressed than opposition. The subgroups that express the greatest level of support are males (58%), those who self-identify politically as conservative (57%), and individuals from households with annual income of $100,000 or greater (53%). No studied geographic or socio-demographic subgroup had an opposition rate of greater than 20%.

4. If an advanced nuclear energy plant were built in your county, do you <u>expect</u> each of the following <u>community factors</u> or characteristics to get <u>better</u>, stay about the <u>same</u>, or get <u>worse</u> in your community?



In 2026 for the first time this community research included a set of questions attempting to measure resident expectations if a nuclear plant were built in their county. The two community characteristics that residents most commonly indicate that they expect to get better are job creation related. Almost three-fourths of participants (73%) expect "creation of local jobs during the construction phase" to get better, while a majority (55%) expect "creation of long-term jobs after the construction phase" to get better. Again, Oswego County residents, overwhelmingly, are most likely to express the greatest levels of positive expectations of community impact. Interestingly, in the NNY/CNY region residents are almost twice as likely to expect that "the amount of their monthly electricity bill" will get better rather than get worse (44% versus 24%, respectively, with 19% feeling that these bills will stay about the same). This monthly pocketbook expectation notably has a largest percentage of residents who respond "get better" (as either a plurality or majority response) within every studied socio-demographic subgroup. In other words, the expectation that "the amount of their monthly electricity bill" will get better is common among all residents independent of their socio-demographic characteristics.

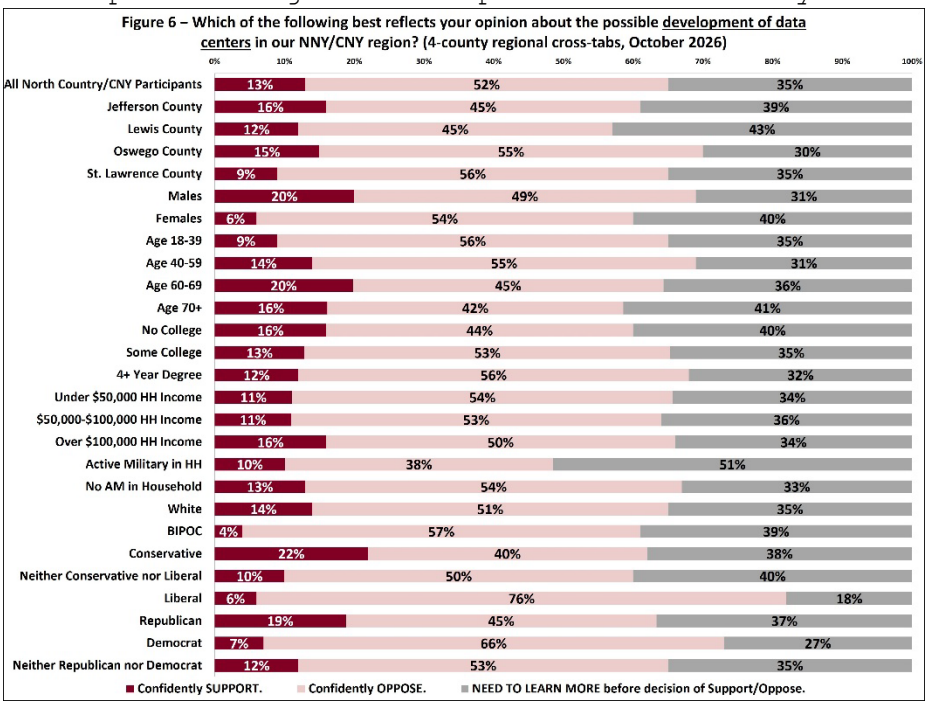
5. Are you familiar enough with data centers to confidently know whether you support or oppose the potential future development of data centers in the North Country (or, "Oswego County", or "the region of NYS that includes your county"), or do you feel that you need to learn more about data centers and their impacts before you could decide whether you support or oppose?



The final survey question in the energy-future section of this annual omnibus survey in 2026 is related to electricity demand rather than generation. The following question has been posed in 2026: "Which of the following best reflects your opinion about the possible development of data centers in the Northern/Central NY region?" Again, this item has been designed with two goals: (1) identification of the level of desire to learn more about data centers, and (2) among those residents who do feel that they know enough about data centers to confidently decide – do they support or oppose potential future development of these data centers in the region that includes their county? Two key findings emerge from the data in 2026. First, approximately two-thirds of residents in Northern and Central NY (65%) indicate that they do not need to learn more before they can 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 much more common that residents are in opposition rather than in support of the development of data centers in their county in the future (by a wide approximately 4:1 ratio in Northern and Central NY, 52% to 13%, respectively). St. Lawrence County residents express the greatest level of opposition among the four studied counties (in St. Lawrence County 56% oppose while only 9% support, more than a 6:1 ratio). Beyond this geographic county-specific comparison, it is also of note among every socio-demographic subgroup there is more opposition for local data center development expressed than support. The subgroups that express the greatest level of support, even though these support levels are still very low, are males (20% support), those who self-identify politically as conservative (20% support), and individuals who are age 60-69 (20% support). Conversely, support levels are tremendously low among Democrats (only 7% support), females (only 6% support), and those individuals who self-identify as a person of color (only 4% support).

Cross-tabulations for this Survey Study

Complete socio-demographic cross-tabulations have been generated for each of the five energy-related survey items previously summarized in the preceding section. The goal of these cross-tabulations is to provide richer correlative data to allow readers to better understand potential explanatory variables that may be associated with energy attitudes and expectations. These cross-tabulations are typically provided in tabular format as standard survey analysis and are included as a separate file appended to this study. Finally, to illustrate the utility of cross-tabulation correlative analyses, the following graph for the 2026 Northern and Central NY study is provided. It is clear that a small minority of residents of the region support development of data centers locally (13%), while a majority (52%) oppose the development. Inspection of the graph shown below (Figure 6), as well as inspection of cross-tabulation Table 5 in the Appendix, illustrate that these attitudes are quite ubiquitous and rather consistent among all studied socio-demographic subgroups. 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 inquiring about data centers shows very similar findings among all studied subgroups, even among the subgroups of political ideology and political party affiliation that commonly have great divides. Among registered Republicans in Northern and Central NY a plurality (45%) indicate that they are in opposition to data center development locally while only 19% are in support. Similarly, among registered Democrats the majority (66%) indicate that they are in opposition to data center development locally while only 7% are in support. Persons associated with each of the two most common political parties agree – both are much more in opposition than in support of local data center development. The current study data suggests that opinion about data centers among Northern and Central New York residents is one of the rare bipartisan agreement topics in our society in 2026.



Methodology Employed for this Study

Between October 26-31, 2026, a mixed-mode sampling method of contact was employed in this study to complete a total of 2,471 interviews of adult residents of a four-county region in Northern and Central New York. Surveys were completed by 769 Jefferson County residents, 609 Lewis County residents, 524 Oswego County residents, and 569 St. Lawrence County residents. Working under the supervision of the Center for Community Studies research staff in a physical call center in Watertown, statistics students enrolled at the College and trained in interview techniques completed 304 live interviews via telephone on both the landline and cellular phones of adult residents. An additional 2,043 surveys were completed online, with 393 via random email invitation and 1,650 via random MMS and SMS text message push-to-web invitations to cellular phones. Finally, 121 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 2,471 Northern and Central New York residents is an approximate margin of error of ±2.3% after weighting these sample survey results toward Northern and Central New York population characteristics. County-specific margins of error are approximately ±5% due to smaller within-county sample sizes.

The full report of socio-demographic analyses for each of the future energy landscape survey questions in this study is included as a separate file.

Final Comments and Acknowledgements:

This Northern and Central New York Future Energy Landscape 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, further expanded to include St. Lawrence County in 2015, and commencing in 2025 has included 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 27th 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. Over 27,000 interviews that have been completed in a total of 61 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 early release of these Future Energy Landscape 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 2026.

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, and the Jefferson and Lewis County Boards of Legislature, who all provide financial support to assist in the funding of these projects.

Future Energy Landscape - Adult Community Survey
Appendix – Socio-demographic Cross-tabulations

Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, St. Lawrence Counties, New York (Sampling October 26-31, 2026)
The Center for Community Studies at Jefferson Community College
Watertown, New York
November 6, 2026

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 1.1		All CNY/NNY	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Annual Income			Fort Drum Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Ideology (Beliefs)			Political Affiliation (Party)		
		Participants in 2026	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 $100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Neither Rep. or Dem.
The impact on long term electricity rates?	Very concerned	42%[1]	35%$_a$	41%$_{a,b}$	40%$_a$	52%$_b$	37%$_a$	47%$_b$	36%$_a$	50%$_b$	43%$_{a,b}$	38%$_a$	44%$_a$	44%$_a$	35%$_a$	45%$_a$	44%$_a$	37%$_a$	23%$_a$	44%$_b$	41%$_a$	47%$_b$	40%$_{a,b}$	45%$_b$	36%$_a$	42%$_a$	43%$_a$	42%$_a$
	Somewhat concerned	17%[1]	20%$_{a,b}$	24%$_b$	16%$_{a,b}$	14%$_a$	14%$_a$	19%$_b$	16%$_{a,b}$	14%$_a$	17%$_{a,b}$	23%$_b$	15%$_a$	18%$_b$	16%$_{a,b}$	18%$_a$	14%$_a$	19%$_a$	16%$_a$	17%$_a$	17%$_a$	11%$_b$	17%$_a$	15%$_a$	19%$_b$	16%$_a$	19%$_a$	16%$_a$
	A little concerned	14%[1]	15%$_{a,b}$	12%$_{a,b}$	17%$_b$	12%$_{a,b}$	15%$_a$	14%$_a$	15%$_a$	12%$_a$	17%$_{a,b}$	17%$_b$	15%$_a$	14%$_a$	16%$_{a,b}$	12%$_a$	17%$_{a,b}$	14%$_{a,b}$	14%$_a$	15%$_a$	14%$_a$	21%$_b$	15%$_a$	14%$_a$	17%$_b$	13%$_a$	16%$_a$	16%$_a$
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	Not sure	8%[1]	11%$_a$	9%$_{a,b}$	5%$_b$	7%$_{a,c}$	8%$_a$	8%$_a$	11%$_a$	6%$_b$	6%$_{a,b}$	8%$_{a,b}$	12%$_a$	6%$_b$	10%$_a$	7%$_a$	9%$_a$	7%$_a$	15%$_a$	7%$_b$	8%$_a$	7%$_a$	5%$_a$	8%$_a$	11%$_b$	8%$_{a,b}$	6%$_b$	10%$_a$
	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%
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Table 1.2		All CNY/NNY	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Annual Income			Fort Drum Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Ideology (Beliefs)			Political Affiliation (Party)		
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	Not at all concerned	22%[1]	20%$_a$	13%$_a$	32%$_b$	15%$_a$	33%$_a$	13%$_b$	28%$_a$	20%$_a$	22%$_{a,b}$	15%$_b$	24%$_a$	23%$_a$	21%$_a$	18%$_a$	20%$_a$	30%$_b$	32%$_a$	22%$_a$	24%$_a$	13%$_b$	32%$_a$	19%$_a$	18%$_a$	29%$_a$	15%$_b$	17%$_{a,b}$
	Not sure	7%[1]	12%$_a$	9%$_{a,c}$	4%$_b$	6%$_{b,c}$	6%$_a$	9%$_b$	9%$_a$	6%$_a$	5%$_a$	6%$_a$	13%$_a$	6%$_b$	6%$_b$	8%$_a$	6%$_a$	7%$_a$	12%$_a$	6%$_b$	7%$_a$	11%$_b$	6%$_{a,b}$	9%$_a$	4%$_b$	7%$_a$	6%$_a$	8%$_a$
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The dependability of the power supply?	Very concerned	28%[1]	24%$_a$	26%$_{a,b}$	24%$_a$	36%$_b$	23%$_a$	33%$_b$	23%$_a$	36%$_b$	25%$_a$	27%$_a$	34%$_a$	30%$_a$	18%$_b$	31%$_a$	28%$_{a,b}$	24%$_a$	18%$_a$	28%$_b$	26%$_a$	38%$_b$	25%$_a$	31%$_a$	23%$_a$	25%$_a$	27%$_{a,b}$	31%$_b$
	Somewhat concerned	21%[1]	22%$_a$	23%$_a$	19%$_a$	23%$_a$	15%$_a$	26%$_b$	23%$_a$	15%$_a$	19%$_{a,b}$	25%$_b$	16%$_a$	23%$_b$	19%$_{a,b}$	23%$_a$	20%$_a$	19%$_a$	19%$_a$	21%$_a$	20%$_a$	20%$_a$	19%$_a$	21%$_a$	21%$_a$	22%$_a$	22%$_a$	20%$_a$
	A little concerned	15%[1]	17%$_a$	18%$_{a,b}$	17%$_a$	11%$_b$	18%$_a$	12%$_b$	14%$_a$	15%$_a$	19%$_a$	15%$_a$	17%$_a$	15%$_a$	15%$_a$	13%$_a$	20%$_a$	13%$_a$	16%$_a$	15%$_a$	15%$_a$	14%$_a$	15%$_a$	15%$_a$	16%$_a$	14%$_a$	15%$_a$	18%$_a$
	Not at all concerned	31%[1]	30%$_a$	27%$_{a,c}$	38%$_b$	23%$_c$	40%$_a$	23%$_b$	33%$_a$	30%$_a$	34%$_a$	28%$_a$	24%$_a$	30%$_a$	40%$_b$	27%$_a$	28%$_a$	39%$_b$	34%$_a$	31%$_a$	33%$_a$	21%$_b$	37%$_a$	28%$_a$	33%$_{a,b}$	35%$_a$	31%$_a$	24%$_a$
	Not sure	5%[1]	8%$_a$	6%$_{a,b}$	2%$_b$	6%$_a$	4%$_a$	7%$_b$	8%$_a$	4%$_a$	3%$_a$	5%$_{a,b}$	9%$_a$	3%$_b$	7%$_a$	5%$_a$	5%$_a$	5%$_a$	13%$_a$	4%$_b$	5%$_a$	7%$_a$	4%$_a$	8%$_a$	7%$_a$	4%$_a$	4%$_a$	6%$_a$
	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	2301	725	555	491	530	980	1165	280	677	655	564	346	881	946	448	817	818	141	2014	2003	115	703	1014	434	957	652	502

Table 1.4		All CNY/NNY	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Annual Income			Fort Drum Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Ideology (Beliefs)			Political Affiliation (Party)		
		Participants in 2026	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 $100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Neither Rep. or Dem.
Safety for local residents?	Very concerned	30%[1]	26%$_a$	38%$_b$	24%$_a$	39%$_b$	21%$_a$	38%$_b$	25%$_a$	36%$_b$	28%$_{a,b}$	30%$_{a,b}$	29%$_a$	31%$_a$	27%$_a$	37%$_a$	30%$_a$	23%$_a$	14%$_a$	31%$_b$	29%$_a$	30%$_a$	26%$_a$	32%$_a$	32%$_{a,b}$	27%$_a$	33%$_{a,b}$	34%$_b$
	Somewhat concerned	18%[1]	20%$_a$	21%$_a$	15%$_a$	19%$_a$	15%$_a$	21%$_b$	17%$_a$	18%$_a$	15%$_a$	22%$_a$	18%$_a$	18%$_a$	18%$_a$	17%$_a$	18%$_a$	18%$_a$	21%$_a$	18%$_a$	17%$_a$	23%$_b$	17%$_a$	18%$_a$	20%$_a$	17%$_a$	21%$_a$	17%$_a$
	A little concerned	20%[1]	21%$_a$	17%$_a$	20%$_a$	19%$_a$	21%$_a$	18%$_b$	20%$_a$	16%$_a$	23%$_a$	22%$_a$	17%$_a$	19%$_a$	22%$_a$	20%$_{a,b}$	22%$_a$	17%$_a$	16%$_a$	20%$_a$	21%$_a$	11%$_b$	20%$_a$	18%$_a$	23%$_a$	22%$_a$	20%$_a$	17%$_a$
	Not at all concerned	29%[1]	28%$_a$	20%$_{a,c}$	40%$_b$	19%$_c$	41%$_a$	18%$_b$	33%$_a$	27%$_{a,b}$	32%$_{a,b}$	23%$_b$	31%$_a$	29%$_a$	31%$_a$	23%$_a$	26%$_a$	38%$_b$	44%$_a$	28%$_b$	29%$_a$	31%$_a$	35%$_a$	29%$_a$	24%$_a$	32%$_a$	24%$_a$	28%$_{a,b}$
	Not sure	3%[1]	5%$_a$	3%$_a$	1%$_a$	4%$_a$	2%$_a$	4%$_a$	5%$_a$	2%$_{a,b}$	1%$_a$	3%$_{a,b}$	5%$_a$	3%$_a$	2%$_a$	3%$_a$	3%$_a$	3%$_a$	4%$_a$	3%$_a$	3%$_a$	4%$_a$	3%$_{a,b}$	4%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	4%$_a$
	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	2294	722	554	490	528	980	1158	279	677	654	559	345	878	943	444	817	817	141	2008	1997	115	701	1011	433	953	649	502

Table 2.1		All CNY/NNY	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Annual Income			Fort Drum Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Ideology (Beliefs)			Political Affiliation (Party)		
		Participants in 2026	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 $100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Neither Rep. or Dem.
Affordability of electricity	Extremely important	62%[1]	65%$_a$	61%$_a$	60%$_a$	62%$_a$	60%$_a$	64%$_a$	62%$_{a,b}$	65%$_a$	65%$_a$	54%$_b$	61%$_a$	63%$_a$	60%$_a$	64%$_a$	62%$_a$	62%$_a$	57%$_a$	63%$_a$	62%$_a$	59%$_a$	63%$_{a,b}$	64%$_a$	56%$_b$	64%$_a$	62%$_a$	63%$_a$
	Very important	28%[1]	25%$_a$	30%$_a$	30%$_a$	30%$_a$	28%$_a$	29%$_a$	25%$_a$	28%$_a$	30%$_{a,b}$	36%$_b$	25%$_a$	28%$_a$	32%$_a$	27%$_a$	28%$_a$	30%$_a$	23%$_a$	29%$_a$	29%$_a$	29%$_a$	28%$_a$	26%$_a$	36%$_a$	28%$_a$	30%$_a$	28%$_a$
	Somewhat important	6%[1]	6%$_a$	6%$_a$	5%$_a$	7%$_a$	7%$_a$	5%$_b$	6%$_a$	5%$_a$	4%$_a$	8%$_b$	6%$_a$	6%$_a$	6%$_a$	6%$_a$	5%$_a$	5%$_a$	7%$_a$	6%$_a$	6%$_a$	5%$_a$	6%$_a$	5%$_a$	6%$_a$	5%$_a$	7%$_a$	5%$_a$
	Not too important	1%[1]	1%$_{a,b}$	0%$_{a,b}$	2%$_b$	0%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	0%$_a$	0%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	0%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$
	Not at all important	1%[1]	2%$_a$	0%[2]	2%$_a$	0%[2]	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	3%$_a$	1%$_a$	0%$_a$	0%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	6%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	0%[2]	2%$_a$	0%$_a$	1%$_a$
	Not sure	2%[1]	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	3%$_a$	0%$_a$	0%$_a$	1%$_{a,b}$	4%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_{a,b}$	2%$_a$	0%$_a$	6%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	3%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	0%$_a$	2%$_a$
	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	2292	722	554	490	526	975	1160	279	674	654	559	343	877	944	446	815	817	139	2008	1996	114	701	1011	432	954	649	501

Table 2.2		All CNY/NNY	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Annual Income			Fort Drum Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Ideology (Beliefs)			Political Affiliation (Party)		
		Participants in 2026	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 $100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Neither Rep. or Dem.
Creating local jobs	Extremely important	43%[1]	40%$_a$	35%$_a$	45%$_a$	46%$_a$	40%$_a$	45%$_b$	41%$_a$	45%$_a$	44%$_a$	38%$_a$	49%$_a$	41%$_a$	40%$_a$	41%$_a$	43%$_a$	42%$_a$	38%$_a$	43%$_b$	41%$_a$	51%$_b$	39%$_a$	47%$_a$	36%$_a$	41%$_a$	42%$_a$	45%$_a$
	Very important	37%[1]	37%$_a$	40%$_a$	38%$_a$	36%$_a$	39%$_a$	36%$_a$	39%$_a$	33%$_a$	39%$_a$	41%$_a$	32%$_a$	40%$_a$	35%$_{a,b}$	40%$_a$	38%$_a$	36%$_a$	31%$_a$	38%$_a$	39%$_a$	25%$_b$	38%$_a$	36%$_a$	41%$_a$	40%$_a$	39%$_a$	34%$_a$
	Somewhat important	16%[1]	18%$_a$	19%$_a$	13%$_a$	16%$_a$	16%$_a$	15%$_a$	14%$_a$	17%$_a$	14%$_a$	17%$_a$	12%$_a$	15%$_a$	21%$_b$	14%$_a$	16%$_a$	18%$_a$	18%$_a$	16%$_a$	16%$_a$	16%$_a$	19%$_a$	13%$_a$	19%$_a$	16%$_a$	17%$_a$	15%$_a$
	Not too important	2%[1]	2%$_a$	4%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	3%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	3%$_a$	3%$_a$	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	3%$_a$
	Not at all important	1%[1]	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	0%$_a$	0%$_a$	3%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	5%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	4%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_{a,b}$	0%$_b$
	Not sure	1%[1]	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	0%$_a$	1%$_{a,b}$	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	5%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	3%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$
	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	2285	721	553	488	523	971	1158	278	671	652	559	343	872	943	447	814	814	137	2006	1992	114	700	1008	431	953	648	500

Table 2.3		All CNY/NNY	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Annual Income			Fort Drum Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Ideology (Beliefs)			Political Affiliation (Party)		
		Participants in 2026	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 $100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Neither Rep. or Dem.
Preservation of open agricultural land	Extremely important	51%[1]	49%$_a$	55%$_a$	49%$_a$	54%$_a$	47%$_a$	55%$_b$	56%$_a$	51%$_{a,b}$	46%$_b$	46%$_{b,c}$	53%$_a$	55%$_a$	42%$_b$	49%$_a$	52%$_a$	51%$_a$	51%$_a$	51%$_a$	51%$_a$	56%$_b$	52%$_a$	54%$_a$	44%$_b$	55%$_a$	48%$_b$	49%$_{a,b}$
	Very important	29%[1]	29%$_a$	29%$_a$	31%$_a$	26%$_a$	28%$_a$	29%$_a$	26%$_a$	25%$_a$	35%$_b$	34%$_b$	29%$_a$	29%$_a$	30%$_a$	28%$_a$	28%$_a$	29%$_a$	27%$_a$	29%$_a$	30%$_a$	21%$_b$	30%$_a$	27%$_a$	31%$_a$	29%$_a$	29%$_a$	29%$_a$
	Somewhat important	15%[1]	17%$_a$	11%$_a$	15%$_a$	14%$_a$	18%$_a$	12%$_b$	14%$_a$	16%$_a$	13%$_a$	17%$_a$	15%$_a$	11%$_a$	21%$_b$	14%$_a$	13%$_a$	13%$_a$	7%$_a$	15%$_b$	15%$_a$	10%$_b$	14%$_a$	13%$_a$	20%$_a$	11%$_a$	18%$_a$	17%$_a$
	Not too important	3%[1]	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	4%$_a$	4%$_a$	1%$_b$	1%$_a$	5%$_a$	4%$_a$	2%$_{a,b}$	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	4%$_a$	3%$_a$	2%$_a$	3%$_a$	2%$_a$	3%$_a$	2%$_a$	6%$_b$	3%$_a$	2%$_a$	3%$_a$	2%$_a$	3%$_a$	3%$_a$
	Not at all important	1%[1]	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	0%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_{a,b}$	1%$_a$	3%$_b$	5%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$
	Not sure	2%[1]	3%$_a$	2%$_{a,b}$	1%$_a$	1%$_{a,b}$	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	3%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_{a,b}$	2%$_a$	0%$_a$	8%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	5%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	1%$_a$	2%$_a$
	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	2292	724	554	487	527	976	1161	279	673	654	561	344	877	944	446	817	816	139	2009	1997	114	701	1012	432	955	650	500

Table 2.4

		All CNY/NNY	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Annual Income			Fort Drum Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Ideology (Beliefs)			Political Affiliation (Party)		
		Participants in 2026	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 $100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Neither Rep. or Dem.
Strengthening the local economic development	Extremely important	40%[1]	40%	35%	38%	43%	40%	39%	39%$_{a,b}$	44%	39%$_{a,b}$	35%	35%	41%	41%	40%	39%	40%	38%	40%	39%	43%	39%	42%	36%	41%	43%	36%
	Very important	38%[1]	37%	38%	39%	36%	38%	38%	35%	37%	43%	41%	43%	37%	37%	38%	37%	39%	36%	38%	39%	28%	43%	35%	38%$_{a,b}$	40%	34%	37%
	Somewhat important	18%[1]	17%	19%	18%	18%	17%	19%	20%	15%	15%	19%	15%	19%	16%	16%	19%	17%	13%	18%	17%	21%	14%	18%$_{a,b}$	22%	14%	20%	21%
	Not too important	2%[1]	3%	4%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	3%$_{a,b}$	1%	4%	3%	3%	1%	4%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	4%
	Not at all important	1%[1]	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	5%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%
	Not sure	1%[1]	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%$_{a,b}$	0%	5%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%
	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	2293	722	554	490	527	976	1161	279	673	654	562	345	876	945	448	815	817	138	2011	1999	113	702	1011	433	954	651	500

Table 2.5

		All CNY/NNY	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Annual Income			Fort Drum Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Ideology (Beliefs)			Political Affiliation (Party)		
		Participants in 2026	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 $100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Neither Rep. or Dem.
Reducing emissions	Extremely important	29%[1]	31%	26%	28%	29%	24%	32%	30%	26%	28%	30%	24%	26%	37%	30%$_{a,b}$	31%	25%	40%	27%	28%	36%	12%	31%	49%	16%	44%	32%
	Very important	31%[1]	27%	22%	31%	38%	25%	38%	34%	29%	28%	34%	24%	33%	33%	35%	31%	29%	22%	32%	32%	22%	22%	34%	39%	28%	34%	33%$_{a,b}$
	Somewhat important	21%[1]	23%	24%	20%	19%	23%	19%	17%	24%	23%$_{a,b}$	24%	26%	21%$_{a,b}$	18%	20%	20%	24%	16%	22%	21%	27%	31%	20%	9%	28%	13%	20%
	Not too important	9%[1]	8%	13%	10%	8%	14%	4%	7%	11%$_{a,b}$	13%	6%	11%	10%$_{a,b}$	6%	5%	10%	11%	7%	9%	10%	4%	18%	7%	0%	13%	4%	9%
	Not at all important	7%[1]	7%	11%	10%	3%	10%	4%	7%$_{a,b}$	9%	7%$_{a,b}$	4%	11%	6%	4%	7%	5%	8%	6%	7%	7%	5%	14%	5%	1%	12%	2%	4%
	Not sure	3%[1]	4%	4%$_{a,b}$	1%	3%$_{a,b}$	2%	3%	4%	2%	1%	2%$_{a,b}$	4%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	8%	2%	2%	6%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%
	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	2291	722	555	487	527	973	1162	279	672	653	561	344	876	943	446	816	816	138	2008	1997	113	700	1010	433	954	650	499

Table 3

		All CNY/NNY	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Annual Income			Fort Drum Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Ideology (Beliefs)			Political Affiliation (Party)		
		Participants in 2026	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 $100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Neither Rep. or Dem.
Which of the following best reflects your opinion about Advanced Nuclear Energy generation power plants?	I am familiar enough with it to confidently know that I SUPPORT developing Advanced Nuclear Energy plants in our region.	41%[1]	38%	28%$_{a,c}$	56%$_{a,b}$	30%$_{c}$	58%$_{b}$	25%$_{a}$	36%$_{a}$	45%$_{a}$	48%$_{a}$	44%$_{a,b}$	36%$_{a}$	42%$_{a,b}$	47%$_{a}$	35%$_{a}$	38%$_{a}$	53%$_{a}$	25%$_{a}$	43%$_{a}$	44%$_{a}$	24%$_{a}$	57%$_{a}$	36%$_{a}$	35%$_{a}$	51%$_{a}$	35%$_{a}$	36%$_{a}$
	I am familiar enough with it to confidently know that I OPPOSE developing Advanced Nuclear Energy plants in our region.	11%[1]	10%	16%$_{a,c}$	5%$_{a}$	17%$_{a,c}$	6%$_{b}$	14%$_{b}$	11%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	10%$_{a}$	10%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	9%$_{a}$	11%$_{a,b}$	14%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	7%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	8%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	16%$_{a}$	6%$_{a}$	16%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$
	I NEED TO LEARN MORE about Advanced Nuclear Energy before I decide whether I support or oppose.	48%[1]	52%$_{c}$	56%$_{c}$	39%$_{a,c}$	53%$_{c}$	35%$_{a}$	60%$_{b}$	53%$_{b}$	44%$_{a}$	42%$_{a}$	46%$_{a,b}$	49%$_{a,b}$	49%$_{a}$	42%$_{a}$	51%$_{a}$	50%$_{a}$	41%$_{a}$	61%$_{a}$	46%$_{a}$	45%$_{a}$	63%$_{a}$	35%$_{a}$	54%$_{a}$	49%$_{a}$	43%$_{a}$	48%$_{a,b}$	50%$_{a}$
	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	2280	713	552	489	526	971	1156	274	671	652	560	341	874	939	440	811	816	134	2005	1991	113	698	1006	431	952	648	497

Table 4.1

		All CNY/NNY	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Annual Income			Fort Drum Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Ideology (Beliefs)			Political Affiliation (Party)		
		Participants in 2026	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 $100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Neither Rep. or Dem.
Creation of local jobs during the construction phase	Expect to get BETTER	73%[1]	69%	64%	85%$_{a}$	68%	77%	72%	75%	70%	77%$_{a}$	78%$_{a}$	62%	76%$_{a}$	81%$_{a}$	63%	73%$_{a}$	84%$_{a}$	63%	75%$_{a}$	77%	51%	78%	70%	82%$_{a}$	78%	77%	67%
	Expect to STAY THE SAME	16%[1]	19%	20%	9%	19%	15%	15%	13%	16%	15%	16%	18%	16%	11%	21%	18%	8%	19%	15%	14%	20%	14%	17%	13%	14%	15%	18%
	Expect to get WORSE	3%[1]	4%	4%	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%	1%	7%	2%	3%	6%	2%	2%	7%	3%	2%	9%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%
	Not sure	8%[1]	9%	12%	4%	11%	6%	9%	8%$_{a,b}$	10%	5%$_{a,b}$	5%	13%	6%	6%	9%	8%	6%	11%	7%	6%	20%	5%	11%$_{b}$	2%	6%	4%	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	2285	721	554	488	522	974	1158	276	673	653	561	342	874	945	446	817	817	140	2009	1996	114	702	1009	434	955	650	501

Table 4.2

		All CNY/NNY	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Annual Income			Fort Drum Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Ideology (Beliefs)			Political Affiliation (Party)		
		Participants in 2026	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 $100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Neither Rep. or Dem.
Creation of local long-term jobs after the construction phase	Expect to get BETTER	55%[1]	51%	43%	69%$_{a}$	47%	60%$_{b}$	52%	64%$_{a}$	52%	49%	50%	47%	58%$_{a}$	58%$_{a}$	46%	54%$_{a}$	64%$_{a}$	51%	56%$_{a}$	58%$_{a}$	41%	62%$_{a}$	52%	56%$_{a,b}$	60%$_{a}$	55%$_{a,b}$	50%$_{a}$
	Expect to STAY THE SAME	26%[1]	30%	34%	18%	28%	28%	23%	18%	26%$_{a}$	36%$_{a}$	33%$_{a,c}$	27%	25%	25%	29%	26%$_{a}$	23%	25%	26%	25%	27%	23%	27%$_{a}$	27%	26%$_{a}$	27%$_{a}$	26%
	Expect to get WORSE	8%[1]	7%$_{a,b}$	8%$_{a,b}$	5%$_{b}$	11%$_{a}$	4%	11%$_{b}$	7%	10%$_{a}$	6%	7%$_{a}$	9%	7%$_{a}$	7%$_{a}$	10%	8%$_{a}$	5%$_{a}$	9%	7%$_{a}$	7%	10%$_{a}$	6%	8%$_{a}$	9%$_{a}$	6%	8%$_{a,b}$	10%$_{a}$
	Not sure	11%[1]	12%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	7%$_{a}$	15%$_{a}$	9%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	12%$_{a}$	8%$_{a}$	10%$_{a}$	17%$_{a}$	10%$_{a}$	10%$_{a}$	15%$_{a}$	11%$_{a,b}$	8%$_{a}$	15%$_{a}$	11%$_{a,b}$	10%$_{a}$	22%$_{a}$	8%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	8%$_{a}$	8%$_{a}$	11%$_{a,b}$	14%$_{a}$
	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	2287	719	555	488	526	974	1159	277	673	653	560	343	874	944	444	817	816	140	2008	1996	114	701	1009	434	955	650	501

Table 4.3

		All CNY/NNY	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Annual Income			Fort Drum Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Ideology (Beliefs)			Political Affiliation (Party)		
		Participants in 2026	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 $100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Neither Rep. or Dem.
Attraction of new businesses to the region	Expect to get BETTER	46%[1]	42%	34%	56%$_{a}$	40%	54%$_{b}$	39%	45%	45%	46%$_{a,b}$	55%$_{a}$	42%	47%$_{a}$	49%$_{a}$	39%	44%$_{a}$	52%$_{a}$	41%	47%$_{a}$	48%$_{a}$	34%	56%$_{a}$	42%$_{a}$	43%$_{a}$	52%$_{a}$	48%$_{a}$	36%$_{a}$
	Expect to STAY THE SAME	33%[1]	37%	38%$_{a,b}$	30%	32%$_{a,b}$	32%	34%	31%	33%	37%$_{a}$	32%$_{a}$	31%	33%	33%	35%	34%	31%	26%	34%	33%	34%	29%	35%$_{a}$	36%$_{a}$	32%	32%$_{a,b}$	38%$_{a}$
	Expect to get WORSE	8%[1]	6%	13%$_{a}$	6%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	6%	11%$_{b}$	9%	9%	7%$_{a,b}$	4%	10%$_{a}$	8%$_{a}$	6%$_{a}$	11%	8%$_{a,b}$	7%$_{a}$	9%	8%$_{a}$	8%	8%	8%	9%$_{a}$	6%$_{a}$	8%$_{a,b}$	6%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$
	Not sure	13%[1]	15%	15%	8%	16%$_{a}$	9%	16%$_{b}$	15%	13%$_{a,b}$	10%$_{a,b}$	9%$_{a}$	17%	11%$_{a}$	12%$_{a,b}$	15%	14%$_{a}$	10%$_{a}$	24%	12%$_{a}$	12%	24%$_{a}$	8%	14%$_{a}$	15%$_{a}$	8%	13%$_{a}$	15%$_{a}$
	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	2288	724	553	488	523	973	1159	278	673	652	560	343	875	943	448	816	814	140	2008	1995	118	703	1010	432	955	648	502

Table 4.4

		All CNY/NNY	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Annual Income			Fort Drum Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Ideology (Beliefs)			Political Affiliation (Party)		
		Participants in 2026	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 $100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Neither Rep. or Dem.
The amount of your monthly electricity bill	Expect to get BETTER	44%[1]	43%$_{a,b}$	38%$_{a,b}$	48%$_{a}$	41%$_{a}$	51%$_{b}$	38%$_{a}$	45%	45%	46%$_{a}$	41%$_{a}$	40%	47%$_{a}$	43%$_{a}$	38%	43%$_{a}$	50%$_{a}$	36%	45%$_{a}$	46%$_{a}$	28%$_{a}$	52%$_{a}$	41%$_{a}$	41%$_{a}$	52%$_{a}$	42%$_{a}$	35%$_{a}$
	Expect to STAY THE SAME	19%[1]	21%$_{b}$	21%$_{b}$	17%$_{b}$	18%$_{b}$	20%$_{b}$	18%$_{b}$	14%	17%$_{a}$	25%$_{a}$	27%$_{a}$	16%$_{b}$	17%$_{a}$	24%$_{a}$	12%	21%$_{a}$	21%$_{a}$	15%$_{b}$	19%$_{a}$	19%$_{a}$	19%$_{a}$	18%$_{b}$	18%$_{b}$	22%$_{b}$	17%$_{a}$	21%$_{a}$	21%$_{a}$
	Expect to get WORSE	24%[1]	21%$_{b}$	26%$_{a,b}$	23%$_{a,b}$	28%$_{a}$	21%$_{b}$	26%$_{a}$	26%	24%$_{a}$	19%$_{a}$	22%$_{a}$	29%$_{b}$	25%$_{a}$	18%$_{a}$	35%	22%$_{a}$	17%$_{a}$	27%$_{a}$	23%$_{a}$	22%$_{a}$	37%$_{a}$	19%$_{b}$	27%$_{a}$	21%$_{a}$	20%$_{a}$	21%$_{a}$	31%$_{a}$
	Not sure	13%[1]	16%$_{a}$	16%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	8%$_{b}$	18%$_{a}$	15%	14%$_{a}$	10%$_{a}$	10%$_{a}$	15%$_{b}$	12%$_{a}$	15%$_{a}$	15%	14%$_{a}$	12%$_{a}$	22%$_{a}$	12%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	16%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	16%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	16%$_{a}$	13%$_{a,b}$
	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%
	Unweighted n	2284	720	555	486	523	972	1158	276	672	652	560	343	874	941	445	815	815	140	2006	1993	114	701	1010	431	955	648	500

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		All CNY/NNY	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Annual Income			Fort Drum Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Ideology (Beliefs)			Political Affiliation (Party)		
		Participants in 2026	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 $100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Neither Rep. or Dem.
Local property taxes you will pay for school funding	Expect to get BETTER	27%[1]	26%	26%$_{a,b}$	35%$_{a}$	21%$_{b}$	33%$_{b}$	23%$_{a}$	25%	29%$_{a}$	32%$_{a}$	28%$_{a}$	28%	27%$_{a}$	29%$_{a}$	20%	25%$_{a}$	35%$_{a}$	31%	27%$_{a}$	28%$_{a}$	22%$_{a}$	33%$_{a}$	26%$_{a}$	23%$_{a}$	31%$_{a}$	26%$_{a,b}$	22%$_{a}$
	Expect to STAY THE SAME	30%[1]	31%	23%$_{b}$	29%$_{b}$	32%$_{b}$	34%$_{b}$	26%$_{b}$	30%$_{a,b}$	26%$_{a}$	34%$_{a}$	34%$_{a,b}$	25%$_{b}$	29%$_{a,b}$	34%$_{a}$	24%	31%$_{a}$	34%$_{a}$	27%$_{a}$	30%$_{a}$	31%$_{a}$	21%$_{a}$	31%$_{a}$	29%$_{a}$	31%$_{a}$	31%$_{a,b}$	34%$_{a}$	26%$_{a}$
	Expect to get WORSE	27%[1]	22%$_{b}$	32%$_{a,c}$	25%$_{a,b}$	32%$_{a}$	23%$_{b}$	30%$_{a}$	27%$_{a}$	30%$_{a}$	24%$_{a}$	25%$_{a}$	26%$_{a}$	31%$_{a}$	19%$_{a}$	36%$_{a}$	28%$_{a}$	20%$_{a}$	24%$_{a}$	27%$_{a}$	25%$_{a}$	39%$_{a}$	25%$_{a}$	29%$_{a}$	26%$_{a}$	24%$_{a}$	23%$_{a}$	34%$_{a}$
	Not sure	16%[1]	21%$_{a}$	19%$_{a,b}$	11%$_{b}$	15%$_{a,c}$	10%$_{b}$	21%$_{a}$	19%$_{a}$	15%$_{a,b}$	10%$_{a}$	14%$_{a,b}$	21%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	18%$_{a}$	20%$_{a}$	16%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	18%$_{a}$	15%$_{a}$	15%$_{a}$	19%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	17%$_{a}$	20%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	18%$_{a}$	18%$_{a}$
	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%
	Not sure	385	144	93	51	97	92	261	68	109	88	92	52	132	172	84	140	113	24	331	333	19	91	177	87	134	128	87
	Unweighted n	2282	718	553	487	524	972	1155	274	670	654	561	341	875	941	445	814	814	138	2006	1992	113	700	1007	433	954	647	501

Table 4.6

		All CNY/NNY	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Annual Income			Fort Drum Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Ideology (Beliefs)			Political Affiliation (Party)		
		Participants in 2026	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 $100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Neither Rep. or Dem.
The everyday safety in your county	Expect to get BETTER	16%[1]	16%$_{a}$	10%$_{a}$	18%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	19%$_{a}$	12%$_{a}$	22%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	10%$_{a}$	15%$_{a,b}$	20%$_{a}$	15%$_{a}$	15%$_{a,b}$	13%$_{a}$	16%$_{a}$	16%$_{a}$	28%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	16%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	22%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	19%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	10%$_{a}$
	Expect to STAY THE SAME	54%[1]	51%$_{a}$	52%$_{a,b}$	63%$_{a}$	46%$_{a}$	59%$_{a}$	49%$_{a}$	48%$_{a}$	54%$_{a,c}$	63%$_{a}$	59%$_{a,c}$	46%$_{a}$	56%$_{a}$	55%$_{a}$	51%$_{a}$	53%$_{a}$	58%$_{a}$	41%$_{a}$	55%$_{a}$	56%$_{a}$	40%$_{a}$	57%$_{a}$	52%$_{a}$	54%$_{a}$	58%$_{a}$	53%$_{a,b}$	51%$_{a}$
	Expect to get WORSE	18%[1]	18%$_{a}$	25%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	23%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	22%$_{a}$	17%$_{a,b}$	21%$_{a}$	18%$_{a,b}$	13%$_{a}$	16%$_{a}$	18%$_{a}$	19%$_{a}$	19%$_{a}$	18%$_{a}$	15%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	18%$_{a}$	17%$_{a}$	25%$_{a}$	9%$_{a}$	21%$_{a}$	22%$_{a}$	12%$_{a}$	22%$_{a}$	22%$_{a}$
	Not sure	13%[1]	16%$_{a}$	13%$_{a,b}$	8%$_{a}$	16%$_{a}$	8%$_{a}$	17%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	9%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	18%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	17%$_{a}$	12%$_{a,b}$	10%$_{a}$	17%$_{a}$	12%$_{a}$	12%$_{a}$	21%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	12%$_{a,b}$	16%$_{a}$
	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	2285	721	554	486	524	973	1158	278	671	653	560	341	876	943	448	813	815	140	2006	1993	116	703	1007	433	953	649	501

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		All CNY/NNY	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Annual Income			Fort Drum Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Ideology (Beliefs)			Political Affiliation (Party)		
		Participants in 2026	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 $100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Neither Rep. or Dem.
Water quality in your local environment	Expect to get BETTER	10%[1]	12%$_{a}$	8%$_{a,b}$	13%$_{a}$	6%$_{a}$	12%$_{a}$	9%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	8%$_{a}$	8%$_{a,b}$	11%$_{a,b}$	16%$_{a}$	9%$_{a}$	9%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	10%$_{a}$	10%$_{a}$	23%$_{a}$	9%$_{a}$	10%$_{a}$	17%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	8%$_{a}$	8%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	8%$_{a}$	5%$_{a}$
	Expect to STAY THE SAME	47%[1]	44%$_{a}$	42%$_{a}$	58%$_{a}$	39%$_{a}$	60%$_{a}$	35%$_{a}$	37%$_{a}$	49%$_{a}$	59%$_{a}$	59%$_{a}$	43%$_{a}$	48%$_{a,b}$	50%$_{a}$	36%$_{a}$	45%$_{a}$	57%$_{a}$	30%$_{a}$	49%$_{a}$	50%$_{a}$	23%$_{a}$	57%$_{a}$	45%$_{a}$	37%$_{a}$	54%$_{a}$	41%$_{a}$	44%$_{a}$
	Expect to get WORSE	27%[1]	28%$_{a}$	33%$_{a,c}$	16%$_{a}$	37%$_{a}$	17%$_{a}$	37%$_{a}$	34%$_{a}$	27%$_{a}$	22%$_{a,c}$	16%$_{a}$	22%$_{a}$	29%$_{a}$	27%$_{a,b}$	33%$_{a}$	30%$_{a}$	20%$_{a}$	27%$_{a}$	27%$_{a}$	26%$_{a}$	39%$_{a}$	16%$_{a}$	30%$_{a}$	37%$_{a}$	20%$_{a}$	33%$_{a}$	33%$_{a}$
	Not sure	16%[1]	16%$_{a}$	17%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	17%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	20%$_{a}$	17%$_{a}$	15%$_{a}$	11%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	20%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	19%$_{a}$	16%$_{a,b}$	12%$_{a}$	20%$_{a}$	15%$_{a}$	15%$_{a}$	21%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	16%$_{a}$	17%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	18%$_{a}$	18%$_{a}$
	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	2280	717	553	485	525	968	1157	274	672	648	561	339	873	941	445	812	816	137	2004	1991	112	701	1004	433	954	646	499

Table 5

		All CNY/NNY	In which county do you reside?				Gender		Age Groups				Education Level			Annual Income			Fort Drum Affiliation		Racial Background		Political Ideology (Beliefs)			Political Affiliation (Party)		
		Participants in 2026	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 $100,000	Yes, AM in HH	No AM in HH	White	BIPOC	Conservative	Neither	Liberal	Republican	Democrat	Neither Rep. or Dem.
Which of the following statements best reflects your opinion about the possible development of data centers in our NNY/CNY region?	I am familiar enough with data centers to confidently know that I SUPPORT developing them in our region in the future.	13%[1]	16%$_{a}$	12%$_{a,b}$	15%$_{a}$	9%$_{a}$	20%$_{a}$	6%$_{a}$	9%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	20%$_{a}$	16%$_{a}$	16%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	12%$_{a}$	11%$_{a,b}$	11%$_{a}$	16%$_{a}$	10%$_{a}$	13%$_{a}$	14%$_{a}$	4%$_{a}$	22%$_{a}$	10%$_{a}$	6%$_{a}$	19%$_{a}$	7%$_{a}$	12%$_{a}$
	I am familiar enough with data centers to confidently know that I OPPOSE developing them in our region in the future.	52%[1]	45%$_{a}$	45%$_{a,b}$	55%$_{a}$	56%$_{a,c}$	49%$_{a}$	54%$_{a}$	56%$_{a}$	55%$_{a}$	45%$_{a}$	42%$_{a}$	44%$_{a}$	53%$_{a}$	56%$_{a}$	54%$_{a}$	53%$_{a}$	50%$_{a}$	38%$_{a}$	54%$_{a}$	51%$_{a}$	57%$_{a}$	40%$_{a}$	50%$_{a}$	76%$_{a}$	44%$_{a}$	66%$_{a}$	53%$_{a}$
	I NEED TO LEARN MORE about data centers before I decide whether I support or oppose their development locally.	35%[1]	39%$_{a}$	43%$_{a}$	30%$_{a}$	35%$_{a,b}$	31%$_{a}$	40%$_{a}$	35%$_{a,b}$	31%$_{a}$	36%$_{a,b}$	41%$_{a}$	40%$_{a}$	35%$_{a,b}$	32%$_{a}$	34%$_{a}$	36%$_{a}$	34%$_{a}$	51%$_{a}$	33%$_{a}$	35%$_{a}$	38%$_{a}$	38%$_{a}$	39%$_{a}$	18%$_{a}$	37%$_{a}$	27%$_{a}$	35%$_{a}$
	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	2277	713	552	487	525	967	1158	277	674	650	555	340	873	941	444	811	815	136	2005	1989	115	700	1008	431	952	647	502

THE NATURE OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS STUDY

Table 6

	All Study Participants	In which county do you reside?			
	NNY/CNY in Oct. 2026	Jefferson	Lewis	Oswego	St. Lawrence
Gender					
Man	50%	52%	50%	50%	49%
Woman	50%	48%	50%	50%	51%
Non-binary	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Age					
18-39 years of age	39%	46%	32%	35%	36%
40-59 years of age	31%	28%	33%	32%	31%
60-69 years of age	16%	13%	18%	17%	16%
70+ years of age	15%	12%	17%	16%	17%
Education Level					
Not a College Graduate	74%	75%	75%	75%	73%
College Graduate (4+YD)	26%	25%	25%	25%	27%
Race/Ethnicity					
White	90%	83%	95%	94%	92%
Black	3%	6%	1%	1%	2%
Hispanic	4%	8%	1%	2%	1%
Asian	1%	2%	0%	1%	0%
Native American	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Multi-racial	3%	1%	3%	3%	4%
Annual Income					
Up to $25,000	8%	9%	7%	7%	8%
$25,001-$50,000	16%	22%	16%	15%	13%
$50,001-$75,000	20%	18%	24%	22%	19%
$75,001-$100,000	17%	15%	19%	16%	20%
Over $100,000	39%	36%	34%	41%	40%
Household Composition					
1+ Child Age Under 18 in the Household	33%	33%	35%	35%	31%
No Children Age Under 18 in the Household	67%	67%	65%	65%	69%
Military Affiliation					
Active military in household	9%	25%	2%	2%	2%
No active military in household	91%	74%	98%	98%	98%
Not sure	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Political Ideology					
Very Conservative	8%	9%	10%	7%	5%
Conservative	23%	19%	31%	24%	24%
Middle of the Road	43%	43%	37%	41%	46%
Liberal	13%	13%	11%	15%	10%
Very Liberal	6%	5%	3%	7%	7%
Don't Know	8%	11%	8%	6%	8%
Political Affiliation (Party) (among registered)					
Republican	44%	42%	59%	45%	42%
Democrat	28%	27%	21%	28%	30%
Other Party or No Party or Not Sure of Party	28%	31%	20%	27%	28%
2024 Presidential Vote Choice (among whom voted)					
Donald Trump	55%	53%	65%	56%	54%
Kamala Harris	45%	47%	35%	44%	46%
Sampling Modality					
Live Interview Telephone	14%	3%	19%	20%	18%
MMS Cell Text Invitation to Online	59%	55%	60%	60%	60%
Email Invitation Online	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
Intercept Survey at Fort Drum	7%	22%	1%	0%	2%
Sample Size	2,471	769	609	524	569

This annual community survey was conducted by the Center for Community Studies at SUNY Jefferson October 26-31, 2026, among 2,471 adult residents of Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, and St. Lawrence Counties, New York. Of the 2,471 respondents, 304 live interviews were completed via telephone on both the landline and cellular phones of adult residents, an additional 2,043 surveys were completed online, with 393 via random email invitation using a nonprobability panel, and 1,650 via random registration based probability sampling MMS and SMS text message push-to-web invitations to cellular phones using L2 as the list provider and TeleTown Hall as the bulk text message distributor. Finally, 121 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 2024 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 +/- 2.3 percentage points including the design effects (DEFF=2.17) 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 margin error is a measurement of random error, error due to simply the random chance of sampling. When surveying humans there are other potential sources of error, sources of error in addition to random error (which is the only error encompassed by the margin of error). Response error, nonresponse error, process error, bias in sample selection, bias in question-phrasing, lack of clarity in question-phrasing, social desirability bias, acquiescence bias, satisficing, and undercoverage are common sources of other-than-random error. Methods that should be, and have been in this study, employed to minimize these other sources of error include: maximum effort to select the sample randomly, piloting and testing of utilized survey questions, extensive training of all data collectors (interviewers), thorough cleansing of data, calibration of data, and application of post-stratification algorithms to the resulting sampled data. Hence, when using this study data to make estimates to the entire North Country adult populations, as is the case in standard survey research practices, the margin of error will be the only error measurement cited and interpreted. Validity checks including attention checks, logic checks, and excluded respondents who straight-lined or completed the survey under a prescribed time constraint were applied. Screening of content for evidence that it originated from bots or fabricated profiles was not employed due to the fact that no rewards or incentives are offered for participants in this study. No re-contacts to confirm that the interview occurred or to verify respondent's identity or both were used. Respondents are asked to verify that they have not completed the survey more than once directly after the voluntary informed consent statement and agreement/consent to participate. There has been no data imputation or other data exclusions or replacement. All open-ended text coding was completed by human coders, with no use of LLMs or AI tools. In the reporting of study findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total to more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent. 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. The Center for Community Studies at Jefferson Community College is one of approximately 1,500 colleges, universities, and polling businesses in North America that are members of the American Association of Public Opinion Research (AAPOR). AAPOR is the leading public opinion professional association in the world. Further, the Center is one of approximately 100 AAPOR members that has been granted membership to the Transparency Initiative (TI) of AAPOR. As a member of TI, the Center pledges to utilize best practices in the industry in both data collection methodology and data analytics techniques. Additionally, the Center is a member of the Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations (AASRO), a professional association exclusive to colleges and universities in the United States that complete public opinion research in an academic (higher education, not profit-centered) setting.