

ACTIVITY: VOTER REGISTRATION AND TURNOUT

In your groups:

1. Review the facts on the next few pages.
2. List the questions you have.
3. Select one fact that you think will be the most useful to share with others to highlight the importance of voting in this year's election.
4. Identify someone to record the group's answers and report back to the entire group the fact the group chose and why.

Definitions

VOTING AGE POPULATION equals everyone over the age of 18, regardless of citizenship or criminal history.

REGISTERED VOTERS equals people on the voter file from the Secretary of State. VOTER

TURNOUT equals number of people who voted divided by voting age population.

REGISTRATION RATES equals number of registered voters divided by voting age population.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS occur every four years. In addition to voting for Presidential candidates, voters select candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate.

MIDTERM ELECTIONS occur every two years halfway through a President's four-year term of office. These elections include voting for members of the House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, State and some local offices.

LOCAL ELECTIONS in New York City occur every four years. Voters cast ballots for the Mayor, Borough Presidents, City Council, Public Advocate and Controller.

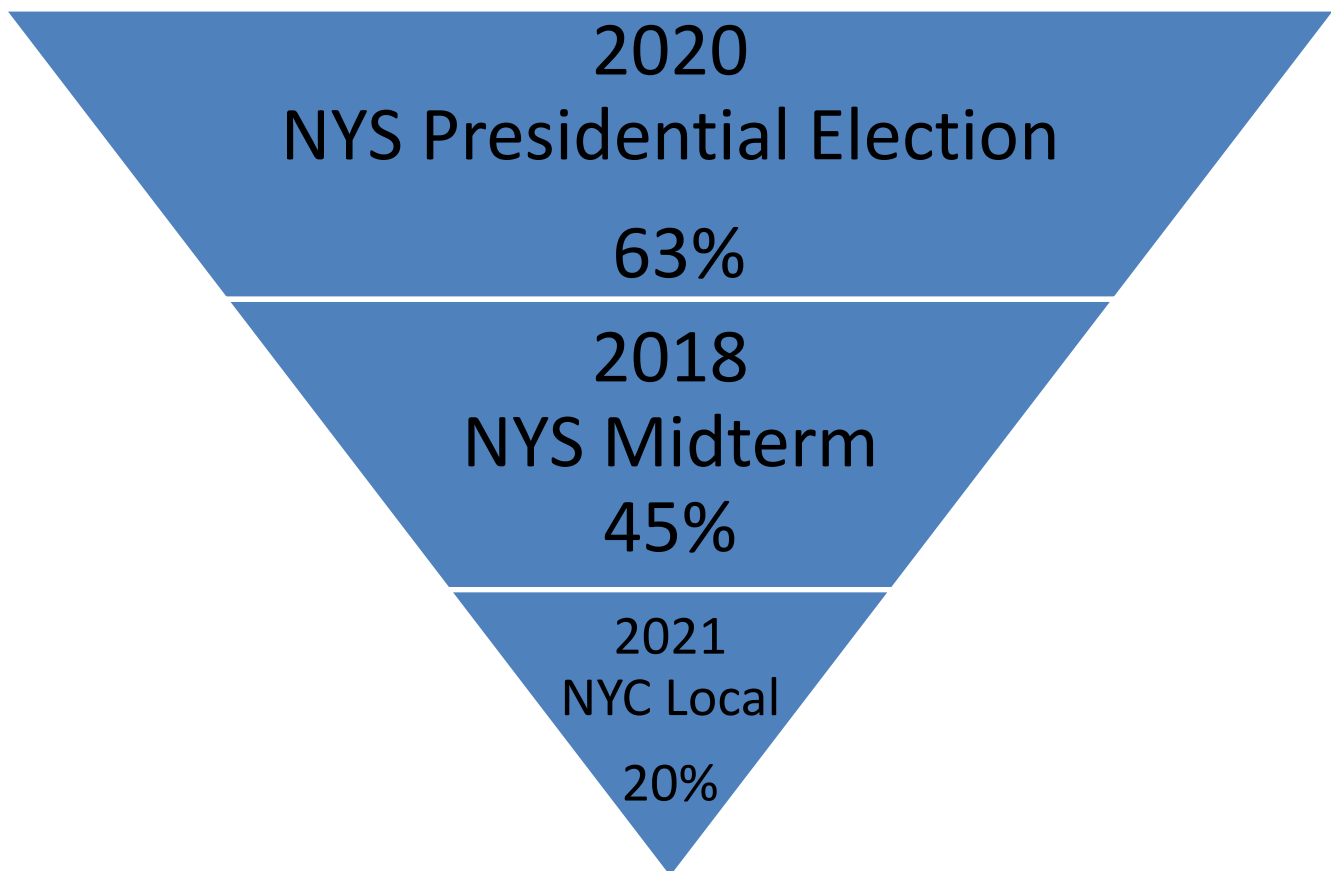
FACT #1

National voter turnout for the 2020 Presidential election was 67%. This is the highest since 1904.

Source: U.S. Census

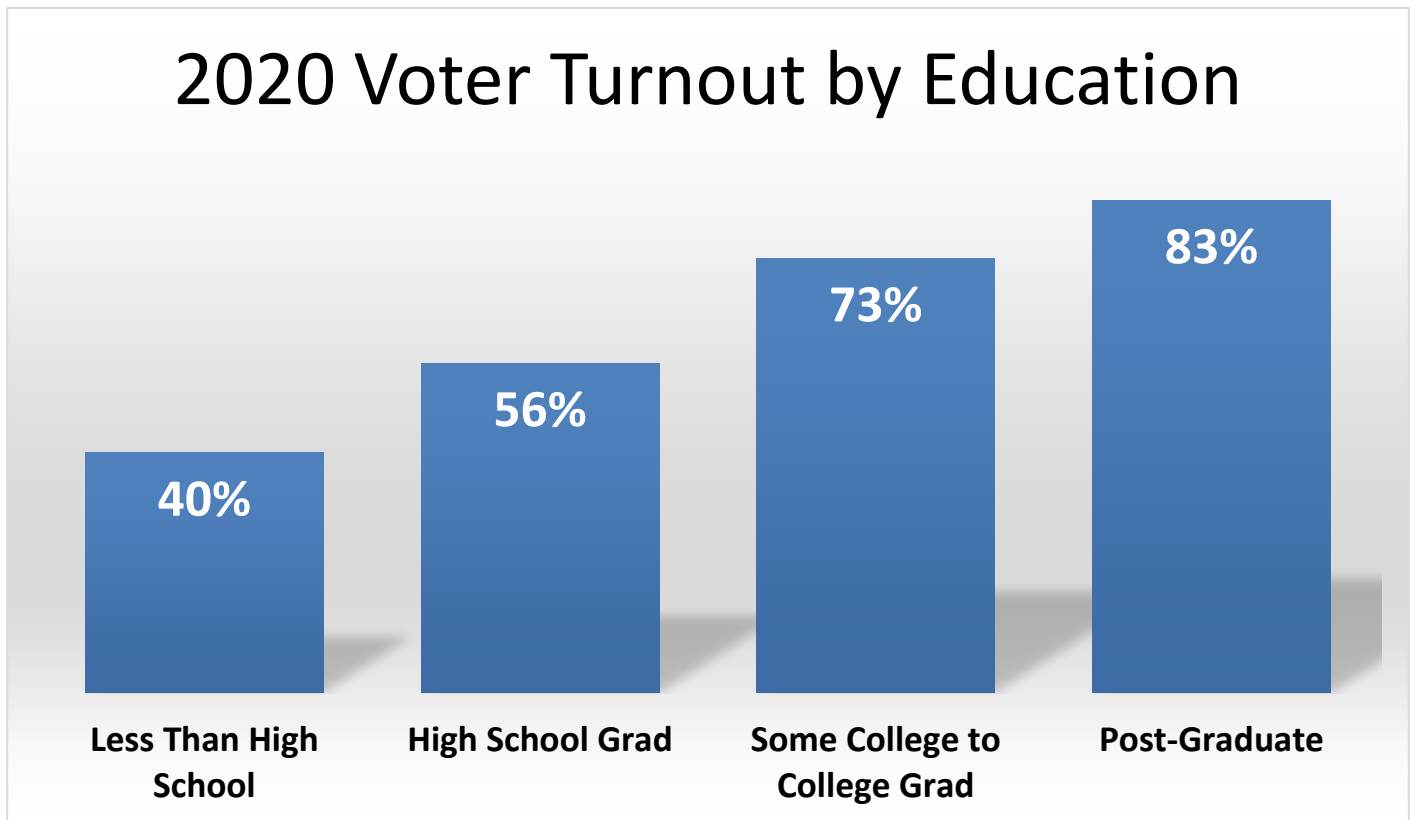
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New York State and New York City Voter Turnout



Turnout for 2020 and 2018 is based on the voting eligible population and turnout for 2021 is based on registered voters.

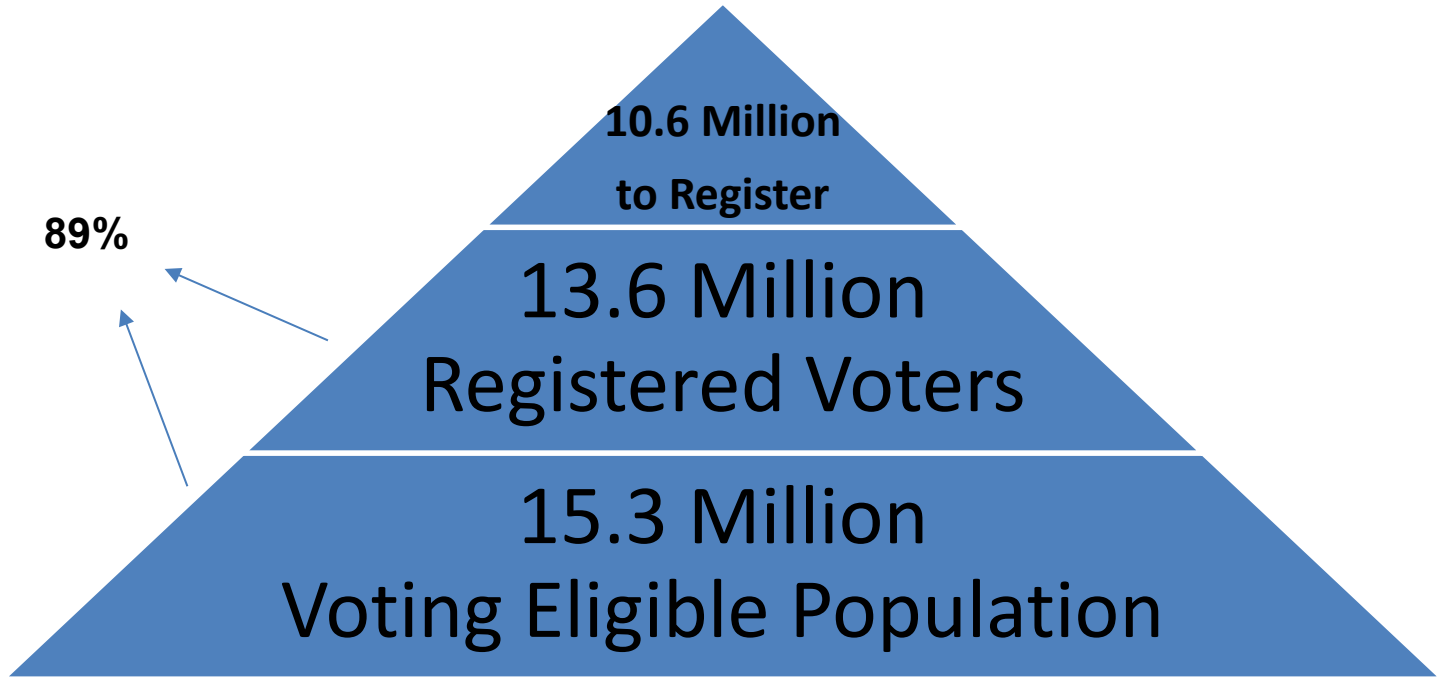
FACT #3



Source: U.S. Elections Project

FACT #4

In New York State 89% of the voting age population is registered to vote.



Source: U.S. Elections Project and the NYS Board of Elections as of 2020