

**NEW YORK**  
**Winner: Democrats**

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Recent election data has shown that in national elections the state of New York is a very solid blue state. For the past five presidential election cycles the New York has voted strongly for the democrats. The lowest showing was in 1992 with the democrats winning only 49% of the total vote. They were still almost a full 16 percentage points over the republican incumbent. (Leip, 2008) Along with the numbers from the presidential elections, in elections for the Congress, the state votes mostly democratic. The Senate winners have been Democratic since 1992, and the Representatives from New York have been mostly democratic since 1988. (Trandahl, 2006)

The state is made up of 47.7% registered Democrats compared to the 26.4% of registered Republicans and 25.8% registered as other. (NYSVoter, 2008) These statistics are not wholly surprising because New York has several major cities including New York City which is among the largest in the world. Urban areas have a tendency to be more liberal leaning because of more diverse make ups. (Baumgartner and Francia, 2006) Compared to many other states in the Union, New York has a high concentration of minorities. African-Americans make up about 17.4% of the states population, while Hispanics make up 16.3%. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2008) The large black population can also be seen as a sign of a blue leaning state. African-Americans have long been a major part of the Democratic Party.

In the state elections the State Senate has long been controlled by the republicans, although they have been losing seats in the past few years. The State House has been ruled by the Democrats who have slowly been gaining seats over the few years. (National Conference for State Legislatures, 2008) The governorship, which is voted on during midterm elections, has been dominated by the Republican Party until the election in 2006. (CNN, 2006) There seems to be a trend toward this state becoming bluer.

The last time a Republican won New York it was in 1984 when Ronald Reagan won all but two of the states. This election, New York's 31 electoral votes will go to the Democratic nominee no matter whom he or she is barring some extreme event.

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