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INTRODUCTION

Section 528 of the Judiciary Law, adopted on June 15, 2010, directs the "commissioner of jurors to collect demographic data for jurors who present for jury service." The statute directs collection of data describing race and/or ethnicity, age and sex. The statute further directs submission of an annual report to the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, President of the Senate and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. This report is for the calendar year 2020.

BACKGROUND: QUALIFICATION AND SUMMONING OF JURORS

All 62 Commissioners of Jurors participate in a centralized Jury Management System. The System implements policies and practices consistent with statutory and regulatory requirements pursuant to the Judiciary Law (Article 16, Sections 500 -528) and to the Rules of the Chief Administrative Judge, Rule 128.

The New York State Unified Court System uses a two-step system for qualifying and summoning jurors. The first step is juror qualification accomplished through completion of qualification questionnaires by potential jurors. The second step is summoning qualified jurors to serve. Questionnaire and summons mailings are requested through the Jury Management System and sent to prospective jurors by First Class Mail. Through both steps of this process, all potential juror and juror records must be kept confidential pursuant to Judiciary Law, Article 16, Section 509.

QUALIFICATION

Jurors are qualified by completing Qualification Questionnaires. Qualifications are the same for trial and grand jurors. Statutory qualifications pursuant to Judiciary Law Section 510 are: US citizenship, residence in the county from which the questionnaire was sent, age 18 or older, ability to understand and communicate in English, and no felony conviction (holders of a certificate of relief from civil disabilities or a certificate of good conduct are qualified to serve).

Once a year, the Unified Court System requests lists from five New York State agencies. These lists are used to randomly select names and addresses of potential jurors to whom questionnaires are mailed. The court system receives a data file from each agency. Each file contains all people who are in the agency's file as of the date it is supplied. The file contains name and address for each person included in the file. The five sources are:

1. Department of Taxation and Finance: NYS tax filers
2. State Department of Labor: Persons receiving unemployment insurance
3. Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance: Persons receiving home relief or aid to families with dependent children
4. Department of Motor Vehicles: Persons with driver's licenses or DMV-issued identification cards
5. Board of Elections: Registered voters

In addition to the names on these lists, individuals who meet statutory qualifications for jury service can volunteer to be included in the pool of people available to be summoned by completing an online volunteer questionnaire available at www.nyjuror.gov.

The source lists are processed by an outside vendor, to remove duplicates and records of people who are currently active in the NYS jury system and to eliminate people who are under 18 or who live outside of New York. The remaining "reconstituted" list is provided to the Jury Support Office. Every 90 days the list is subjected to the US Postal Service address cleansing procedure which updates or eliminates outdated addresses.

Individuals are randomly selected, within their county of residence, from the "reconstituted" list to be mailed questionnaires upon request by the Commissioner of Jurors. Questionnaire responses are reviewed to determine qualifications. Any juror who fails to respond to a questionnaire is automatically sent at least two follow up questionnaire mailings. The final questionnaire is always a noncompliance questionnaire, requiring response by the juror within 20 days.

SUMMONING

Randomness of summoning is maintained by mailing summonses to qualified jurors in the same order in which each one was selected at random to be mailed an initial questionnaire. Volunteers are summoned by date order of qualification. A qualified juror who is not summoned within 18 months of being qualified becomes eligible to receive a new qualification questionnaire.

Any summoned juror who fails to respond to two consecutive summonses receives a Summons Notice of Noncompliance warning, pursuant to Judiciary Law Section 527, that a judgment may be imposed for failure to appear and requiring a response within 20 days of receipt.

DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURES

Each person who appears for jury service is asked to complete a scannable data collection card. Efforts are made to exclude from completing cards those who appear but do not serve.[1] The card explains that New York State Judiciary Law §528 requires the court to collect data about jurors.[2] The juror is asked to:

- fill in the date
- indicate whether they were "here to serve as a trial juror or a grand juror"
- indicate gender[3]
- answer questions about Hispanic origin, race, and year of birth, and
- indicate county of jury service.

The collected cards are scanned and the data compiled and analyzed by the Jury Support Office.

OVERVIEW

For the calendar year 2020, there were 111,944 completed cards collected and successfully scanned. During the year, 125,697 jurors appeared for service. In 2020 NYS courts were operating in a limited capacity for many months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the number of jurors served is well below normal. In 2019, for example, more than 452,000 jurors served.

The following pages contain tables showing numbers of jurors served and cards completed in each county in 2020, followed by tables showing the percentage of responses by county for gender, Hispanic ethnicity, race and age. The number of cards processed occasionally exceeds the number of jurors who served as some jurors who appear in response to a summons are postponed, excused or disqualified. It can be difficult to exclude them from completing cards.[4]

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1. Those who appear but do not serve include people who do not meet qualification criteria pursuant to Judiciary Law Section 510; and qualified jurors who request and receive an excusal or a postponement pursuant to Judiciary Law Section (a)(1) or 517(a)(2)

2. A copy of the data collection card is attached as Appendix A. The full text of Judiciary Law Section 528 is included on the back of the card.

3. The Office of Court Administration's Jury Support Office collaborated with the Richard C. Failla Commission to make a recommendation to the Administrative Board on expanding gender options on jury related forms. As of January 1st, 2020, the data collection card includes these values: Male, Female, Transgender, Nonbinary, Intersex and Other as reported in Table B.

4. Generally, row totals do not equal 100% due to non-response.

TABLE A: JURORS SERVED AND CARDS COMPLETED BY COUNTY - 2020

County	Jurors Served	Completed Cards	County	Jurors Served	Completed Cards
Albany	1,640	1,672	Niagara	709	540
Allegany	133	127	Oneida	848	800
Bronx	12,129	10,751	Onondaga	1,566	1,027
Broome	1,190	1,204	Ontario	390	276
Cattaraugus	472	450	Orange	1,187	735
Cayuga	292	277	Orleans	256	258
Chautauqua	594	575	Oswego	341	293
Chemung	270	293	Otsego	427	426
Chenango	165	177	Putnam	437	393
Clinton	471	328	Queens	12,059	10,007
Columbia	804	624	Rensselaer	1,072	956
Cortland	344	260	Richmond	2,862	2,615
Delaware	190	182	Rockland	747	722
Dutchess	1,139	900	St Lawrence	674	504
Erie	3,121	3,219	Saratoga	566	420
Essex	421	311	Schenectady	1,099	921
Franklin	126	54	Schoharie	275	63
Fulton	285	293	Schuyler	151	137
Genesee	185	150	Seneca	101	91
Greene	171	237	Steuben	287	122
Hamilton	158	44	Suffolk	7,456	6,285
Herkimer	201	172	Sullivan	433	282
Jefferson	356	375	Tioga	201	208
Kings	20,561	20,897	Tompkins	435	393
Lewis	146	119	Ulster	460	190
Livingston	167	56	Warren	495	422
Madison	238	198	Washington	346	264
Monroe	4,364	4,178	Wayne	235	274
Montgomery	301	253	Westchester	3,902	3,786
Nassau	9,463	6,624	Wyoming	126	141
New York	25,180	23,105	Yates	277	288
			Total	**465,365**	**111,944**

TABLE B: GENDER BY COUNTY ALBANY TO NEW YORK - 2020

County	Female	Male	Transgender	Nonbinary	Intersex	Other
Albany	51.3%	47.7%	0.1%	0.2%		0.1%
Allegany	45.7%	52.8%	-	-	-	-
Bronx	54.4%	41.5%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%
Broome	49.3%	48.3%	-	0.2%	-	-
Cattaraugus	49.3%	47.8%				
Cayuga	47.3%	50.2%	-	0.7%	-	-
Chautauqua	49.4%	49.0%	-	-	-	-
Chemung	49.1%	48.5%	-	-	-	-
Chenango	48.0%	49.2%	0.6%	0.6%	-	-
Clinton	53.0%	45.4%		0.6%	-	-
Columbia	53.0%	45.5%	0.2%	0.3%	-	-
Cortland	53.8%	44.2%	-	-	-	-
Delaware	48.9%	50.0%	0.5%	-	-	-
Dutchess	50.6%	48.7%	0.1%	0.2%	-	-
Erie	49.8%	49.2%	0.1%	0.1%	-	0.0%
Essex	52.7%	44.4%	-	0.3%	-	0.6%
Franklin	46.3%	53.7%	-	-	-	-
Fulton	50.9%	43.7%	-	4.1%	-	-
Genesee	46.7%	50.7%	-	0.7%	-	-
Greene	56.1%	42.6%	-	0.8%	-	-
Hamilton	56.8%	43.2%	-	-	-	-
Herkimer	51.7%	45.9%	-	1.2%	-	-
Jefferson	50.7%	49.1%	-	-	-	-
Kings	53.6%	42.2%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%
Lewis	55.5%	43.7%	-	-	-	-
Livingston	55.4%	44.6%	-	-	-	-
Madison	47.0%	52.5%	-	0.5%	-	-
Monroe	51.4%	47.6%	0.1%	0.3%	-	0.0%
Montgomery	48.2%	50.2%	0.4%	0.4%	-	
Nassau	44.5%	38.0%	0.1%	0.5%	0.3%	0.1%
New York	40.6%	33.9%	0.1%	5.2%	0.0%	0.0%

TABLE B: GENDER BY COUNTY NIAGARA TO YATES - 2020

County	Female	Male	Transgender	Nonbinary	Intersex	Other
Niagara	52.4%	46.1%	0.4%	-	-	0.2%
Oneida	52.3%	47.0%	0.1%	-	-	-
Onondaga	49.9%	48.9%	0.2%	0.1%	-	0.1%
Ontario	47.1%	52.9%	-	-	-	-
Orange	50.2%	47.2%	-	0.3%	-	0.1%
Orleans	51.2%	46.9%	-	0.4%	-	-
Oswego	51.5%	46.4%	0.3%	-	-	-
Otsego	52.8%	43.7%	0.5%	0.2%	-	-
Putnam	55.2%	41.0%	-	0.3%	-	-
Queens	52.5%	45.5%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%
Rensselaer	49.1%	49.8%	0.2%	0.1%	-	-
Richmond	48.8%	47.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-	0.0%
Rockland	51.9%	46.8%	-	-	-	-
St Lawrence	49.6%	49.6%	-	-	-	-
Saratoga	50.0%	45.2%	-	-	-	-
Schenectady	54.2%	44.2%	0.2%	0.3%	-	-
Schoharie	52.4%	46.0%	-	-	-	-
Schuyler	49.6%	46.7%	-	-	-	-
Seneca	56.0%	44.0%	-	-	-	-
Steuben	51.6%	47.5%	-	-	-	-
Suffolk	44.6%	40.4%	0.1%	0.1%	-	0.0%
Sullivan	50.7%	46.5%	-	0.7%	-	-
Tioga	48.6%	50.5%	-	-	-	-
Tompkins	52.7%	44.8%	-	-	-	-
Ulster	43.2%	53.7%	-	0.5%		0.5%
Warren	50.9%	48.8%	-	-	-	-
Washington	50.8%	45.5%	0.4%	-	-	-
Wayne	42.7%	55.5%	-	-	-	-
Westchester	53.0%	45.5%	0.0%	0.9%	-	0.0%
Wyoming	51.8%	46.8%	-	-	-	-
Yates	53.1%	44.8%	-	-	-	0.3%
Total	**49.0%**	**42.0%**	**0.1%**	**1.3%**	**0.0%**	**0.1%**

TABLE C: HISPANIC ORIGIN OF ANY RACE BY COUNTY - 2020

County	Hispanic Origin	County	Hispanic Origin
Albany	4%	Niagara	2%
Allegany	1%	Oneida	3%
Bronx	47%	Onondaga	3%
Broome	3%	Ontario	4%
Cattaraugus	1%	Orange	16%
Cayuga	1%	Orleans	2%
Chautauqua	4%	Oswego	2%
Chemung	1%	Otsego	2%
Chenango	2%	Putnam	11%
Clinton	2%	Queens	19%
Columbia	3%	Rensselaer	2%
Cortland	2%	Richmond	13%
Delaware	1%	Rockland	12%
Dutchess	8%	St Lawrence	1%
Erie	4%	Saratoga	2%
Essex	1%	Schenectady	5%
Franklin	2%	Schoharie	5%
Fulton	2%	Schuyler	1%
Genesee	3%	Seneca	-
Greene	20%	Steuben	1%
Hamilton	-	Suffolk	15%
Herkimer	-	Sullivan	4%
Jefferson	2%	Tioga	2%
Kings	14%	Tompkins	3%
Lewis	-	Ulster	6%
Livingston	2%	Warren	2%
Madison	1%	Washington	2%
Monroe	5%	Wayne	3%
Montgomery	8%	Westchester	18%
Nassau	12%	Wyoming	1%
New York	17%	Yates	1%
		Total	**16%**

TABLE D: RACE BY COUNTY ALBANY TO NEW YORK - 2020

County	White	Black	Asian	Other/Mixed
Albany	82%	8%	4%	2%
Allegany	96%	1%		1%
Bronx	13%	30%	6%	26%
Broome	88%	4%	3%	2%
Cattaraugus	90%	0%	2%	2%
Cayuga	92%	2%	1%	1%
Chautauqua	91%	1%	1%	2%
Chemung	91%	3%	2%	1%
Chenango	92%	-	1%	2%
Clinton	91%	1%	1%	2%
Columbia	90%	2%	2%	3%
Cortland	95%	0%	0%	2%
Delaware	93%	-	2%	1%
Dutchess	80%	8%	4%	4%
Erie	85%	7%	2%	3%
Essex	86%	1%	2%	1%
Franklin	98%	-	2%	-
Fulton	88%	1%	2%	0%
Genesee	92%	1%	1%	3%
Greene	57%	15%	3%	12%
Hamilton	95%	2%	-	-
Herkimer	97%	-	-	-
Jefferson	93%	1%	0%	2%
Kings	38%	25%	14%	9%
Lewis	99%	-		1%
Livingston	93%	-	2%	2%
Madison	96%	1%	1%	1%
Monroe	82%	8%	3%	4%
Montgomery	90%	2%	0%	4%
Nassau	58%	7%	10%	5%
New York	48%	8%	10%	9%

TABLE D: RACE BY COUNTY NIAGARA TO YATES - 2020

County	White	Black	Asian	Other/Mixed
Niagara	89%	2%	2%	2%
Oneida	92%	2%	2%	2%
Onondaga	87%	5%	1%	4%
Ontario	93%	2%	0%	1%
Orange	73%	8%	5%	6%
Orleans	95%	1%	1%	2%
Oswego	91%	1%	1%	1%
Otsego	91%	1%	1%	2%
Putnam	84%	3%	4%	3%
Queens	29%	13%	26%	15%
Rensselaer	91%	4%	2%	2%
Richmond	66%	7%	13%	7%
Rockland	69%	11%	8%	6%
St Lawrence	93%	1%	1%	2%
Saratoga	89%	1%	2%	3%
Schenectady	79%	4%	6%	6%
Schoharie	86%	2%	2%	5%
Schuyler	89%	1%	1%	1%
Seneca	96%	-	1%	2%
Steuben	89%	1%	2%	2%
Suffolk	70%	5%	4%	5%
Sullivan	85%	3%	2%	3%
Tioga	93%	1%	2%	1%
Tompkins	86%	3%	4%	3%
Ulster	86%	3%	2%	6%
Warren	94%	1%	1%	1%
Washington	94%	0%	2%	1%
Wayne	95%	0%	1%	2%
Westchester	64%	13%	8%	8%
Wyoming	98%	-	1%	1%
Yates	97%	-	1%	0%
Total	**53%**	**13%**	**10%**	**9%**

TABLE E: AGE BY COUNTY ALBANY TO NEW YORK - 2019

County	18-24	25-44	45-64	65-75	75+
Albany	9%	36%	36%	14%	2%
Allegany	7%	24%	44%	13%	3%
Bronx	13%	38%	38%	7%	0%
Broome	13%	32%	35%	11%	1%
Cattaraugus	6%	27%	37%	16%	4%
Cayuga	7%	31%	32%	17%	2%
Chautauqua	10%	26%	38%	14%	2%
Chemung	6%	35%	38%	13%	3%
Chenango	8%	25%	45%	8%	5%
Clinton	12%	34%	29%	11%	1%
Columbia	13%	26%	35%	15%	3%
Cortland	4%	31%	40%	13%	3%
Delaware	8%	21%	36%	21%	2%
Dutchess	6%	29%	47%	14%	3%
Erie	10%	35%	37%	10%	2%
Essex	7%	20%	36%	16%	2%
Franklin	6%	24%	48%	19%	
Fulton	8%	25%	38%	14%	3%
Genesee	5%	31%	43%	11%	3%
Greene	14%	33%	31%	7%	2%
Hamilton	7%	14%	45%	25%	7%
Herkimer	6%	34%	40%	13%	3%
Jefferson	6%	33%	36%	13%	3%
Kings	13%	46%	28%	8%	1%
Lewis	5%	31%	36%	18%	7%
Livingston	5%	21%	48%	16%	2%
Madison	7%	28%	39%	17%	5%
Monroe	11%	34%	37%	13%	3%
Montgomery	8%	31%	36%	18%	2%
Nassau	7%	29%	38%	10%	2%
New York	8%	52%	28%	9%	2%

TABLE E: AGE BY COUNTYW NIAGARA TO YATES - 2019

County	18-24	25-44	45-64	65-75	75+
Niagara	8%	28%	38%	13%	2%
Oneida	7%	34%	41%	14%	3%
Onondaga	6%	34%	36%	13%	3%
Ontario	7%	26%	39%	18%	4%
Orange	5%	29%	43%	9%	2%
Orleans	14%	32%	37%	14%	3%
Oswego	6%	26%	42%	9%	1%
Otsego	5%	32%	31%	16%	3%
Putnam	4%	29%	40%	13%	2%
Queens	11%	38%	36%	10%	1%
Rensselaer	6%	40%	34%	13%	3%
Richmond	7%	33%	38%	8%	1%
Rockland	9%	32%	37%	10%	2%
St Lawrence	9%	31%	38%	14%	0%
Saratoga	6%	22%	41%	13%	3%
Schenectady	10%	40%	33%	8%	1%
Schoharie	13%	41%	24%	13%	3%
Schuyler	4%	27%	37%	9%	3%
Seneca	2%	24%	46%	18%	4%
Steuben	7%	35%	42%	11%	2%
Suffolk	8%	32%	42%	9%	1%
Sullivan	5%	28%	38%	11%	4%
Tioga	10%	31%	41%	12%	5%
Tompkins	3%	27%	40%	16%	6%
Ulster	14%	22%	35%	14%	3%
Warren	9%	29%	38%	15%	6%
Washington	7%	25%	41%	16%	2%
Wayne	8%	26%	39%	15%	3%
Westchester	7%	31%	44%	12%	3%
Wyoming	1%	28%	48%	16%	4%
Yates	9%	27%	33%	16%	6%
Total	**10%**	**40%**	**34%**	**10%**	**2%**

APPENDIX A

The data collection card is 5 ½ x 8 ½.

NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM JUROR INFORMATION CARD

New York State Judiciary Law §528 requires the court to collect data about jurors. Thank you for your cooperation.

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JRYCRD

1. Today's date
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2. Here to serve as a
○ Grand Juror   or ○ Trial Juror

3. You are
○ Male
○ Female
○ Transgender
○ Nonbinary
○ Intersex
○ Other

4. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin?
○ Yes (Mexican, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican or other Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origin)
○ No (Not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin)

5. Your race
○ White   ○ Black or African American
○ Asian   ○ Other/ Mixed

6. Year born
Y Y Y Y

7. Your county

New York City	Outside New York City						
○ Bronx	○ Albany	○ Columbia	○ Greene	○ Nassau	○ Putnam	○ Steuben	○ Westchester
○ Kings	○ Allegany	○ Cortland	○ Hamilton	○ Niagara	○ Rensselaer	○ Suffolk	○ Wyoming
○ New York	○ Broome	○ Delaware	○ Herkimer	○ Oneida	○ Rockland	○ Sullivan	○ Yates
○ Queens	○ Cattaraugus	○ Dutchess	○ Jefferson	○ Onondaga	○ St. Lawrence	○ Tioga	
○ Richmond	○ Cayuga	○ Erie	○ Lewis	○ Ontario	○ Saratoga	○ Tompkins	
	○ Chautauqua	○ Essex	○ Livingston	○ Orange	○ Schenectady	○ Ulster	
	○ Chemung	○ Franklin	○ Madison	○ Orleans	○ Schoharie	○ Warren	
	○ Chenango	○ Fulton	○ Monroe	○ Oswego	○ Schuyler	○ Washington	
	○ Clinton	○ Genesee	○ Montgomery	○ Otsego	○ Seneca	○ Wayne	

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NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM JUROR INFORMATION CARD

New York State Judiciary Law §528 requires the court to collect data about jurors. Thank you for your cooperation

Please answer all questions on the front of this card.
- Use a dark pencil or blue or black pen.
- Do not use pens with ink that soaks through the paper.
- No stray marks, folding or tearing the card.
- Make solid marks that fill the circle completely.
- ● CORRECT MARK

Judiciary Law §528. Collection of demographic data.
The commissioner of jurors shall collect demographic data for jurors who present for jury service, including each juror's race and/or ethnicity, age and sex, and the chief administrator of the courts shall submit the data in an annual report to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate and the chief judge of the court of appeals.