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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 2018.

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, 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 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 he or she was “here to serve as a trial juror or a grand juror”
- indicate gender
- 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 2018, there were 430,894 completed cards collected and successfully scanned. During the year, 496,286 jurors appeared for service. The following pages contain tables showing numbers of jurors served and cards completed in each county in 2018, followed by tables showing the percentage of responses by county for gender, race and age. The number of cards processed occasionally exceeds the number of jurors who served as some of those who appear in response to summons are postponed, excused or disqualified. It can be difficult to exclude them from completing cards.³

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 517(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. Due to a technical error in scanning cards for the calendar year 2018, data concerning the percentages of people reporting they were of Hispanic origin cannot be reported this year. Prior year reports indicating consistent percentages for the years 2014 – 2017 are available on the NYCOURTS.gov publication page. Complete data will be available in 2019.

TABLE A: JURORS SERVED AND CARDS COMPLETED BY COUNTY - 2018

County	Jurors Served	Completed Cards	County	Jurors Served	Completed Cards
Albany	6,782	6,542	Niagara	2,080	1,765
Allegany	464	336	Oneida	1,899	1,803
Bronx	48,733	43,766	Onondaga	7,013	6,901
Broome	2,402	2,352	Ontario	2,030	1,608
Cattaraugus	909	924	Orange	7,701	5,247
Cayuga	1,110	1,068	Orleans	538	458
Chautauqua	2,239	1,668	Oswego	593	491
Chemung	2,477	2,314	Otsego	827	774
Chenango	1,204	745	Putnam	1,366	1,354
Clinton	2,033	1,945	Queens	62,423	57,364
Columbia	2,420	1,275	Rensselaer	2,872	2,849
Cortland	715	677	Richmond	11,303	10,977
Delaware	836	787	Rockland	3,525	3,064
Dutchess	4,309	3,988	Saratoga	1,191	1,479
Erie	11,203	11,597	Schenectady	1,689	1,407
Essex	755	949	Schoharie	3,771	3,532
Franklin	828	440	Schuyler	863	471
Fulton	854	997	Seneca	226	120
Genesee	1,462	1,293	St. Lawrence	849	798
Greene	707	420	Steuben	616	522
Hamilton	73	32	Suffolk	30,785	20,644
Herkimer	483	487	Sullivan	2,251	1,901
Jefferson	983	973	Tioga	1,022	411
Kings	79,925	78,726	Tompkins	1,858	1,020
Lewis	264	251	Ulster	3,024	1,469
Livingston	1,152	773	Warren	894	1,092
Madison	988	906	Washington	1,450	614
Monroe	15,437	14,775	Wayne	914	841
Montgomery	1,010	935	Westchester	13,662	13,409
Nassau	33,292	29,044	Wyoming	591	514
New York	100,016	74,720	Yates	395	290
Total				496,286	430,894

TABLE B: GENDER BY COUNTY* - 2018					
County	Female	Male	County	Female	Male
Albany	52%	46%	Niagara	49%	47%
Allegany	44%	47%	Oneida	51%	47%
Bronx	53%	39%	Onondaga	51%	46%
Broome	52%	48%	Ontario	51%	45%
Cattaraugus	50%	47%	Orange	51%	44%
Cayuga	52%	46%	Orleans	52%	46%
Chautauqua	49%	46%	Oswego	49%	45%
Chemung	54%	46%	Otsego	51%	49%
Chenango	51%	49%	Putnam	51%	43%
Clinton	55%	43%	Queens	51%	42%
Columbia	55%	42%	Rensselaer	54%	44%
Cortland	50%	50%	Richmond	50%	44%
Delaware	53%	47%	Rockland	52%	44%
Dutchess	50%	49%	St Lawrence	47%	45%
Erie	52%	45%	Saratoga	49%	48%
Essex	52%	44%	Schenectady	51%	45%
Franklin	51%	43%	Schoharie	53%	39%
Fulton	53%	44%	Schuyler	55%	45%
Genesee	50%	49%	Seneca	53%	46%
Greene	55%	45%	Steuben	55%	42%
Hamilton	56%	31%	Suffolk	48%	44%
Herkimer	52%	46%	Sullivan	52%	45%
Jefferson	50%	45%	Tioga	53%	47%
Kings	53%	43%	Tompkins	54%	46%
Lewis	47%	49%	Ulster	51%	47%
Livingston	52%	47%	Warren	46%	45%
Madison	49%	48%	Washington	51%	46%
Monroe	52%	47%	Wayne	46%	43%
Montgomery	41%	33%	Westchester	51%	42%
Nassau	50%	43%	Wyoming	49%	46%
New York	54%	44%	Yates	50%	49%
Total				52%	43%

*Rows do not total 100% due to lack of response to, or errors when completing, questions.

TABLE C: RACE BY COUNTY* ALBANY TO NEW YORK - 2018				
County	White	Black	Asian	Other/Mixed
Albany	69%	9%	4%	2%
Allegany	97%	0%	0%	1%
Bronx	20%	37%	5%	16%
Broome	83%	4%	2%	4%
Cattaraugus	84%	1%	0%	1%
Cayuga	92%	1%	1%	3%
Chautauqua	91%	1%	0%	1%
Chemung	90%	3%	1%	1%
Chenango	90%	1%	0%	1%
Clinton	92%	1%	0%	1%
Columbia	85%	1%	1%	2%
Cortland	91%	0%	0%	1%
Delaware	91%	1%	1%	1%
Dutchess	84%	7%	3%	3%
Erie	85%	7%	2%	1%
Essex	91%	1%	1%	0%
Franklin	94%	0%	0%	3%
Fulton	93%	1%	1%	1%
Genesee	94%	1%	1%	1%
Greene	86%	2%	0%	1%
Hamilton	78%	3%	0%	0%
Herkimer	95%	0%	0%	0%
Jefferson	89%	1%	1%	2%
Kings	40%	30%	12%	6%
Lewis	93%	0%	0%	0%
Livingston	94%	0%	1%	2%
Madison	82%	1%	0%	11%
Monroe	82%	10%	2%	3%
Montgomery	73%	1%	1%	1%
Nassau	63%	9%	9%	4%
New York	64%	11%	11%	8%

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TABLE C: RACE BY COUNTY* NIAGARA TO YATES - 2018				
County	White	Black	Asian	Other/Mixed
Niagara	90%	4%	1%	2%
Oneida	92%	2%	1%	2%
Onondaga	88%	6%	2%	2%
Ontario	92%	1%	1%	2%
Orange	76%	9%	3%	4%
Orleans	90%	3%	0%	1%
Oswego	94%	1%	0%	1%
Otsego	86%	1%	0%	4%
Putnam	82%	3%	2%	4%
Queens	32%	17%	25%	10%
Rensselaer	62%	4%	2%	2%
Richmond	67%	7%	11%	5%
Rockland	69%	10%	8%	4%
St Lawrence	87%	1%	0%	2%
Saratoga	92%	1%	1%	1%
Schenectady	81%	6%	4%	4%
Schoharie	81%	0%	0%	0%
Schuyler	90%	0%	0%	0%
Seneca	93%	2%	0%	1%
Steuben	98%	1%	1%	1%
Suffolk	76%	6%	3%	6%
Sullivan	67%	5%	1%	3%
Tioga	96%	0%	0%	1%
Tompkins	83%	3%	3%	1%
Ulster	81%	4%	2%	2%
Warren	90%	1%	2%	1%
Washington	95%	1%		1%
Wayne	95%	1%	0%	2%
Westchester	65%	12%	6%	6%
Wyoming	91%	0%	0%	0%
Yates	96%	0%	0%	2%
Total	56%	16%	10%	7%

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TABLE D: AGE BY COUNTY* ALBANY TO NEW YORK - 2018

County	18-24	25-44	45-64	65-75	75+
Albany	10%	34%	40%	13%	2%
Allegany	5%	32%	38%	12%	3%
Bronx	13%	41%	37%	6%	0%
Broome	11%	37%	39%	10%	2%
Cattaraugus	9%	29%	40%	13%	2%
Cayuga	6%	28%	37%	14%	6%
Chautauqua	10%	27%	39%	14%	3%
Chemung	9%	36%	38%	13%	3%
Chenango	7%	35%	38%	13%	4%
Clinton	12%	38%	36%	11%	2%
Columbia	7%	23%	40%	16%	4%
Cortland	6%	39%	38%	14%	2%
Delaware	10%	37%	34%	16%	4%
Dutchess	7%	28%	46%	15%	3%
Erie	9%	31%	36%	12%	3%
Essex	7%	22%	39%	20%	5%
Franklin	12%	30%	40%	10%	3%
Fulton	7%	27%	40%	16%	4%
Genesee	11%	28%	40%	12%	5%
Greene	8%	33%	42%	15%	2%
Hamilton	3%	19%	47%	16%	6%
Herkimer	6%	33%	36%	17%	5%
Jefferson	12%	27%	37%	16%	2%
Kings	13%	49%	29%	8%	1%
Lewis	10%	27%	36%	17%	7%
Livingston	8%	26%	44%	16%	1%
Madison	9%	32%	41%	14%	3%
Monroe	12%	33%	37%	12%	3%
Montgomery	7%	22%	31%	10%	3%
Nassau	7%	31%	40%	12%	2%
New York	9%	53%	28%	8%	1%

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TABLE D: AGE BY COUNTY* NIAGARA TO YATES - 2018

County	18-24	25-44	45-64	65-75	75+
Niagara	12%	31%	39%	12%	3%
Oneida	9%	31%	42%	14%	3%
Onondaga	8%	33%	42%	13%	3%
Ontario	8%	27%	38%	16%	5%
Orange	10%	28%	44%	11%	1%
Orleans	9%	31%	38%	13%	4%
Oswego	7%	31%	41%	13%	2%
Otsego	8%	37%	38%	14%	3%
Putnam	10%	24%	45%	14%	2%
Queens	10%	42%	38%	9%	1%
Rensselaer	11%	34%	37%	13%	2%
Richmond	10%	40%	38%	8%	1%
Rockland	10%	29%	45%	13%	2%
St Lawrence	10%	26%	45%	15%	1%
Saratoga	7%	28%	44%	13%	3%
Schenectady	11%	33%	37%	12%	2%
Schoharie	4%	23%	40%	20%	7%
Schuyler	2%	34%	46%	14%	3%
Seneca	11%	27%	40%	19%	2%
Steuben	8%	29%	37%	17%	4%
Suffolk	8%	31%	43%	10%	1%
Sullivan	6%	28%	44%	17%	2%
Tioga	7%	39%	38%	12%	3%
Tompkins	5%	37%	38%	14%	5%
Ulster	10%	27%	40%	16%	4%
Warren	9%	29%	37%	14%	5%
Washington	8%	24%	42%	16%	7%
Wayne	6%	29%	44%	13%	5%
Westchester	8%	30%	41%	11%	2%
Wyoming	6%	28%	38%	13%	4%
Yates	9%	33%	33%	15%	4%
Total	10%	41%	35%	10%	1%

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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.



1. Today's date

M	M	D	D	Y	Y
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9

2. Here to serve as a

Grand Juror or Trial Juror

3. You are

Male or Female

6. Year born

Y	Y	Y	Y
0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9

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 (Please explain)

7. Your county

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