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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 2019.

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 2019, there were 452,949 completed cards collected and successfully scanned. During the year, 465,365 jurors appeared for service. The following pages contain tables showing numbers of jurors served and cards completed in each county in 2019, 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 jurors 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. Generally, row totals do not equal 100% due to non-response.

TABLE A: JURORS SERVED AND CARDS COMPLETED BY COUNTY - 2019					
County	Jurors Served	Completed Cards	County	Jurors Served	Completed Cards
Albany	5,827	5,569	Niagara	1,779	1,743
Allegany	499	439	Oneida	1,892	1,907
Bronx	46,559	29,716	Onondaga	6,506	6,287
Broome	3,532	3,433	Ontario	2,061	1,702
Cattaraugus	1,010	798	Orange	6,422	4,472
Cayuga	722	631	Orleans	238	237
Chautauqua	1,952	1,890	Oswego	920	777
Chemung	1,947	2,767	Otsego	650	681
Chenango	1,821	568	Putnam	987	1,005
Clinton	1,837	2,552	Queens	54,515	70,416
Columbia	2,072	3,207	Rensselaer	2,409	2,273
Cortland	807	840	Richmond	10,762	9,594
Delaware	544	560	Rockland	3,893	2,986
Dutchess	2,425	2,317	St Lawrence	1,501	1,559
Erie	10,732	10,795	Saratoga	1,503	1,391
Essex	718	655	Schenectady	2,300	2,323
Franklin	797	402	Schoharie	683	203
Fulton	782	849	Schuyler	218	174
Genesee	1,163	1,127	Seneca	110	123
Greene	529	346	Steuben	1,029	1,011
Hamilton	89	40	Suffolk	29,428	22,720
Herkimer	511	499	Sullivan	1,738	1,548
Jefferson	1,070	960	Tioga	310	311
Kings	83,974	84,472	Tompkins	743	454
Lewis	181	175	Ulster	3,005	831
Livingston	775	468	Warren	1,315	1,427
Madison	932	754	Washington	692	632
Monroe	15,064	14,516	Wayne	998	845
Montgomery	1,276	1,199	Westchester	14,585	13,449
Nassau	39,583	34,698	Wyoming	625	490
New York	103,038	91,671	Yates	584	465
Total			465,365		452,949

TABLE B: GENDER BY COUNTY - 2019					
County	Female	Male	County	Female	Male
Albany	53%	46%	Niagara	50%	48%
Allegany	51%	48%	Oneida	53%	46%
Bronx	55%	41%	Onondaga	52%	46%
Broome	52%	47%	Ontario	52%	46%
Cattaraugus	48%	48%	Orange	50%	46%
Cayuga	54%	45%	Orleans	46%	54%
Chautauqua	50%	46%	Oswego	53%	46%
Chemung	54%	45%	Otsego	54%	42%
Chenango	52%	47%	Putnam	49%	45%
Clinton	55%	42%	Queens	51%	42%
Columbia	51%	46%	Rensselaer	54%	45%
Cortland	53%	46%	Richmond	50%	45%
Delaware	50%	49%	Rockland	51%	47%
Dutchess	53%	46%	St Lawrence	50%	49%
Erie	52%	47%	Saratoga	51%	48%
Essex	51%	47%	Schenectady	58%	41%
Franklin	51%	49%	Schoharie	49%	50%
Fulton	53%	46%	Schuyler	56%	41%
Genesee	53%	46%	Seneca	64%	36%
Greene	53%	44%	Steuben	53%	45%
Hamilton	48%	53%	Suffolk	49%	43%
Herkimer	55%	44%	Sullivan	52%	46%
Jefferson	49%	49%	Tioga	53%	47%
Kings	54%	42%	Tompkins	50%	50%
Lewis	58%	41%	Ulster	52%	46%
Livingston	57%	43%	Warren	51%	48%
Madison	55%	45%	Washington	53%	46%
Monroe	53%	46%	Wayne	48%	50%
Montgomery	54%	45%	Westchester	51%	45%
Nassau	50%	42%	Wyoming	52%	47%
New York	53%	45%	Yates	51%	47%
Total				52%	43%

TABLE C: HISPANIC ORIGIN OF ANY RACE BY COUNTY - 2019			
County	Hispanic Origin	County	Hispanic Origin
Albany	4%	Niagara	2%
Allegany	1%	Oneida	2%
Bronx	41%	Onondaga	2%
Broome	2%	Ontario	3%
Cattaraugus	1%	Orange	14%
Cayuga	1%	Orleans	3%
Chautauqua	3%	Oswego	1%
Chemung	1%	Otsego	2%
Chenango	1%	Putnam	10%
Clinton	2%	Queens	19%
Columbia	2%	Rensselaer	3%
Cortland	2%	Richmond	13%
Delaware	2%	Rockland	12%
Dutchess	9%	St Lawrence	1%
Erie	3%	Saratoga	2%
Essex	1%	Schenectady	4%
Franklin	1%	Schoharie	2%
Fulton	1%	Schuyler	2%
Genesee	2%	Seneca	3%
Greene	3%	Steuben	1%
Hamilton	-	Suffolk	14%
Herkimer	1%	Sullivan	7%
Jefferson	3%	Tioga	1%
Kings	14%	Tompkins	2%
Lewis	-	Ulster	6%
Livingston	1%	Warren	2%
Madison	1%	Washington	1%
Monroe	5%	Wayne	3%
Montgomery	6%	Westchester	17%
Nassau	10%	Wyoming	-
New York	18%	Yates	-
Total			15%

TABLE D: RACE BY COUNTY ALBANY TO NEW YORK - 2019				
County	White	Black	Asian	Other/Mixed
Albany	81%	9%	4%	2%
Allegany	93%	1%	1%	1%
Bronx	16%	38%	6%	21%
Broome	87%	3%	3%	1%
Cattaraugus	90%	1%	-	1%
Cayuga	94%	2%	-	1%
Chautauqua	88%	1%	1%	1%
Chemung	90%	2%	1%	1%
Chenango	93%	-	1%	1%
Clinton	91%	1%	1%	1%
Columbia	87%	2%	1%	2%
Cortland	92%	1%	-	1%
Delaware	90%	-	-	1%
Dutchess	82%	7%	3%	5%
Erie	84%	7%	2%	2%
Essex	92%	-	1%	1%
Franklin	95%	1%	-	1%
Fulton	94%	-	-	1%
Genesee	93%	1%	1%	2%
Greene	92%	1%	1%	1%
Hamilton	98%	-	-	3%
Herkimer	94%	1%	-	-
Jefferson	91%	2%	1%	2%
Kings	36%	31%	13%	7%
Lewis	94%	-	-	-
Livingston	94%	1%	-	1%
Madison	95%	1%	-	1%
Monroe	81%	10%	3%	3%
Montgomery	90%	1%	1%	3%
Nassau	63%	9%	10%	4%
New York	60%	12%	11%	8%

TABLE D: RACE BY COUNTY NIAGARA TO YATES - 2019				
County	White	Black	Asian	Other/Mixed
Niagara	90%	3%	1%	2%
Oneida	91%	2%	1%	1%
Onondaga	87%	6%	2%	2%
Ontario	93%	1%	1%	1%
Orange	72%	9%	3%	5%
Orleans	89%	2%	-	3%
Oswego	92%	-	1%	1%
Otsego	87%	3%	1%	1%
Putnam	81%	3%	2%	3%
Queens	30%	16%	25%	11%
Rensselaer	89%	4%	1%	2%
Richmond	64%	7%	12%	5%
Rockland	69%	10%	9%	4%
St Lawrence	93%	-	1%	1%
Saratoga	92%	1%	2%	1%
Schenectady	81%	5%	4%	5%
Schoharie	95%	-	-	-
Schuyler	94%	1%	-	2%
Seneca	92%	2%	-	2%
Steuben	94%	1%	1%	1%
Suffolk	73%	6%	4%	8%
Sullivan	83%	5%	2%	4%
Tioga	96%	-	-	1%
Tompkins	85%	3%	3%	3%
Ulster	87%	4%	2%	2%
Warren	96%	-	1%	1%
Washington	95%	-	-	1%
Wayne	95%	1%	-	2%
Westchester	63%	13%	6%	7%
Wyoming	96%	-	1%	-
Yates	94%	-	-	-
Total	55%	16%	11%	8%

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

County	18-24	25-44	45-64	65-75	75+
Albany	10%	34%	37%	13%	2%
Allegany	5%	31%	36%	11%	5%
Bronx	13%	39%	38%	7%	0%
Broome	9%	30%	35%	12%	1%
Cattaraugus	7%	24%	39%	13%	2%
Cayuga	7%	28%	36%	13%	5%
Chautauqua	9%	27%	32%	13%	3%
Chemung	8%	32%	37%	14%	3%
Chenango	7%	29%	37%	12%	3%
Clinton	12%	34%	31%	9%	2%
Columbia	7%	23%	37%	17%	5%
Cortland	6%	33%	30%	11%	4%
Delaware	8%	31%	38%	13%	5%
Dutchess	8%	27%	44%	15%	3%
Erie	9%	33%	37%	12%	3%
Essex	7%	25%	38%	14%	3%
Franklin	13%	29%	38%	8%	2%
Fulton	5%	28%	37%	14%	4%
Genesee	11%	29%	35%	12%	5%
Greene	7%	28%	36%	15%	4%
Hamilton		18%	28%	33%	3%
Herkimer	6%	30%	39%	14%	5%
Jefferson	8%	32%	38%	14%	3%
Kings	15%	46%	29%	9%	1%
Lewis	8%	27%	29%	10%	5%
Livingston	5%	27%	43%	15%	1%
Madison	7%	31%	39%	14%	4%
Monroe	12%	34%	35%	12%	3%
Montgomery	10%	32%	33%	13%	3%
Nassau	8%	30%	39%	12%	2%
New York	10%	49%	28%	9%	1%

TABLE E: AGE BY COUNTYW NIAGARA TO YATES - 2019

County	18-24	25-44	45-64	65-75	75+
Niagara	8%	27%	36%	14%	3%
Oneida	9%	33%	39%	13%	3%
Onondaga	7%	32%	39%	13%	3%
Ontario	8%	30%	35%	15%	4%
Orange	9%	26%	37%	9%	1%
Orleans	11%	29%	43%	14%	2%
Oswego	6%	29%	36%	10%	2%
Otsego	5%	32%	32%	12%	2%
Putnam	7%	27%	42%	11%	2%
Queens	9%	40%	38%	12%	1%
Rensselaer	10%	31%	34%	12%	2%
Richmond	8%	37%	34%	7%	0%
Rockland	7%	23%	38%	11%	3%
St Lawrence	9%	25%	40%	16%	1%
Saratoga	5%	27%	40%	12%	3%
Schenectady	12%	34%	32%	11%	3%
Schoharie	6%	28%	35%	15%	7%
Schuyler	6%	27%	44%	13%	3%
Seneca	5%	33%	43%	10%	7%
Steuben	10%	29%	36%	12%	4%
Suffolk	9%	29%	41%	10%	1%
Sullivan	6%	24%	37%	16%	2%
Tioga	11%	29%	37%	11%	3%
Tompkins	5%	27%	39%	14%	5%
Ulster	7%	24%	39%	13%	4%
Warren	9%	29%	38%	14%	6%
Washington	6%	25%	37%	13%	4%
Wayne	8%	31%	38%	13%	4%
Westchester	8%	28%	40%	13%	3%
Wyoming	6%	31%	35%	13%	4%
Yates	7%	27%	35%	17%	6%
Total	10%	39%	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.



1. Today's date						2. Here to serve as a				3. You are				6. Year born			
M	M	D	D	Y	Y	<input type="radio"/> Grand Juror or <input type="radio"/> Trial Juror				<input type="radio"/> Male or <input type="radio"/> Female				Y	Y	Y	Y
0	0	0	0	0	0	4. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin?				1	0	0	0				
1	1	1	1	1	1	<input type="radio"/> Yes (Mexican, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican or other Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origin)				2	1	1	1				
2	2	2	2	2	2	<input type="radio"/> No (Not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin)				3	2	2	2				
3	3	3	3	3	3	5. Your race				4	3	3	3				
4	4	4	4	4	4	<input type="radio"/> White <input type="radio"/> Black or African American				5	4	4	4				
5	5	5	5	5	5	<input type="radio"/> Asian <input type="radio"/> Other/ Mixed (Please explain)				6	5	5	5				
6	6	6	6	6	6					7	6	6	6				
7	7	7	7	7	7					8	7	7	7				
8	8	8	8	8	8					9	8	8	8				
9	9	9	9	9	9					0	9	9	9				

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	



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.

<p>Please answer all questions on the front of this card.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Judiciary Law §528. Collection of demographic data.</p> <p>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.</p>
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