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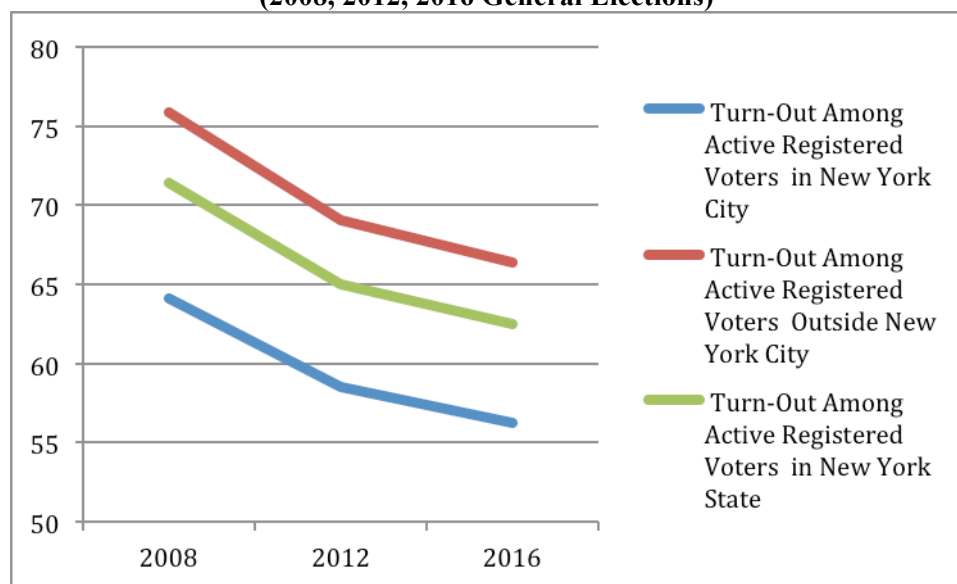
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ANALYSIS: DESPITE INCREASE IN VOTER REGISTRATION, TURNOUT FELL THROUGHOUT NEW YORK STATE, DIPS UNEVEN THROUGHOUT NEW YORK CITY

On Election Day last week, there were more New Yorkers listed on voting rolls as active, registered voters (11,476,534) than in 2008 (10,816,500) or 2012 (10,974,236).¹ In the year leading up to the election, New York State saw its largest single-year increase in voter registration in decades – 6.9%. With Presidential, Senatorial, Congressional, and State Legislative races up and down the ballot, New York instead saw its voter turnout numbers slip to new lows.

TURNOUT AMONG ACTIVE VOTERS REGISTERED IN NEW YORK STATE **(NYC vs. Outside NYC vs. Statewide)** **(2008, 2012, 2016 General Elections)²**



As seen above, turnout among New York State's most reliable voting population has dipped lower each of the last two Presidential elections. In 2008, turnout among active registered voters statewide was 71.4%.³ That number fell to 65% in 2012, and sunk even lower – to 62.45% - in 2016.⁴ Active, registered voters only include voting-eligible persons who are not only registered in New York State, but who have voted in at least one of the previous

¹ <https://www.elections.ny.gov/EnrollmentCounty.html>.

² <https://www.elections.ny.gov/2016ElectionResults.html>.

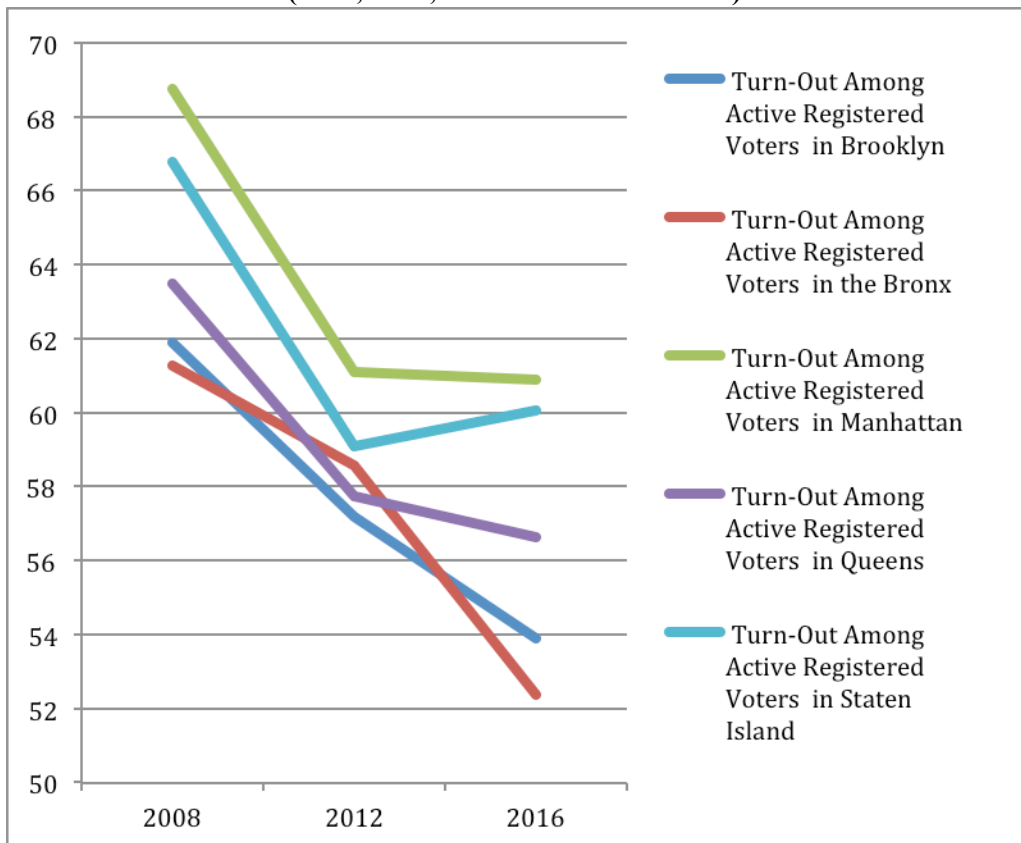
³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

two federal election cycles or who have verified their “active” status via communications with their County’s Board of Elections.

Within New York City, the borough-by-borough active registered voter turnout breakdown reveals big differences among the five boroughs of New York City. As seen below, the downward trajectory in active registered voter turnout in New York City was not consistent among all five boroughs. While turnout fell across the board from 2008 to 2012, the change from 2012 to 2016 is much more borough-specific. Turnout in the Bronx and Brooklyn continued to plummet, with only 53.9% of the borough’s most likely group of voters casting a ballot in Brooklyn in 2016 and only 52.4% of such voters in the Bronx.⁵ Turnout was down only slightly in Queens compared with 2012, flat-lined in Manhattan, and increased in Staten Island.

**TURNOUT AMONG ACTIVE VOTERS REGISTERED IN NEW YORK CITY
(BOROUGH BY BOROUGH BREAKDOWN)
(2008, 2012, 2016 General Elections)⁶**



The drop in turnout within New York City is even more noteworthy considering that the increase in active registered voters was even more pronounced within New York City over the past year than in New York State. New York City saw a 9% increase in registered active voters during the past year.⁷ Overall, turnout among active registered voters within New York City fell from 64.1% in 2008 to 58.5% in 2012 to just 56.3% in 2016.⁸

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

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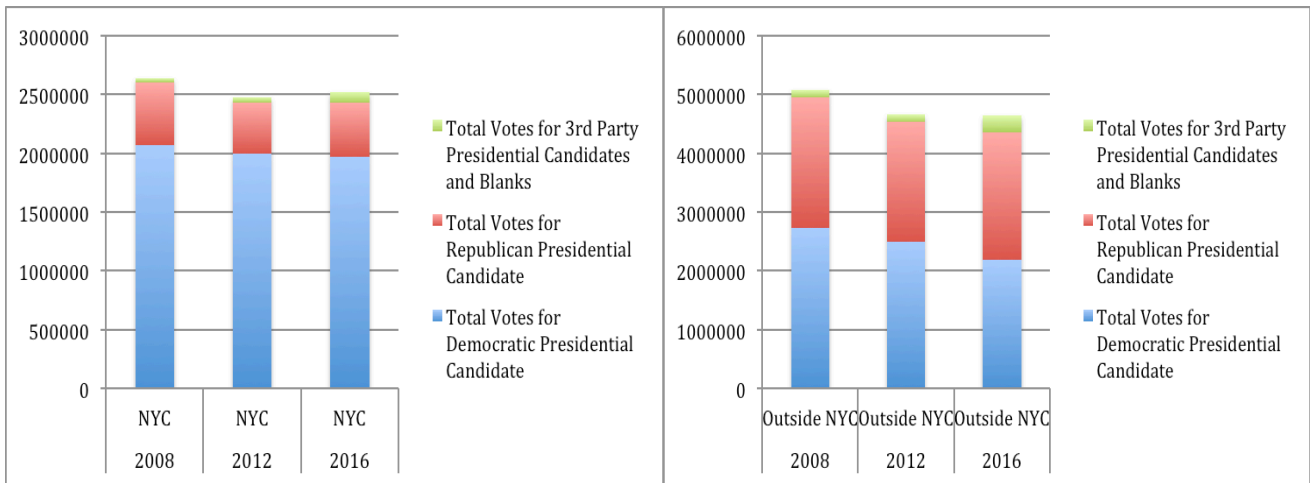
As seen in the charts below, within New York City, a total of 2,519,390 voters cast ballots last week. This is greater than the 2,472,195 voters who did so in 2012 (out of an overall pool of fewer active registered voters) and less than the 2,641,970 voters who went to the polls in New York City in 2008.⁹

Statewide, unofficial numbers posted by the New York State Board of Elections show that 7,167,540 voters cast their ballots last week. This is up slightly from the 7,135,322 voters that did so in 2012, and less than the 7,722,019 who voted in 2008.¹⁰

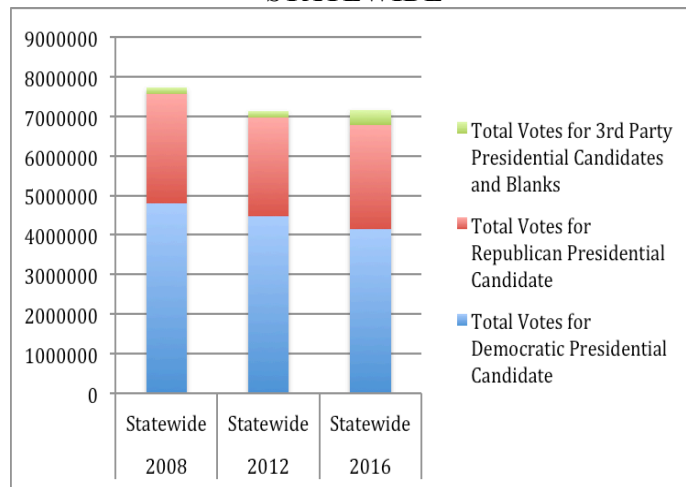
TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES BY PARTY¹¹

NEW YORK CITY

OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY



STATEWIDE



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⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ Ibid.