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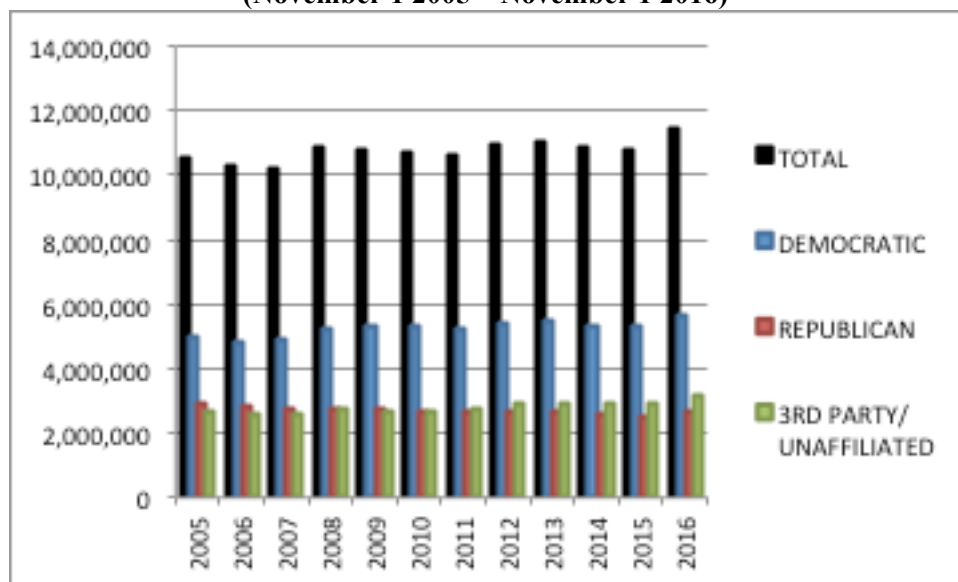
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ANALYSIS: MORE NEW YORKERS ARE REGISTERING TO VOTE; WILL VOTER TURN-OUT REMAIN LOW?

More New Yorkers are registering to vote than ever before, according to the most recent voter registration information released by the New York State Board of Elections.¹ Excitement and enthusiasm surrounding the 2016 Presidential Election coincided with the largest single-year increase in active, registered voters in the past decade. In November of 2015, there were 10,736,221 active registered voters in New York State. Just a year later, that number grew to 11,476,433, an increase of 6.9%, accounting for 740,212 additional registered voters.

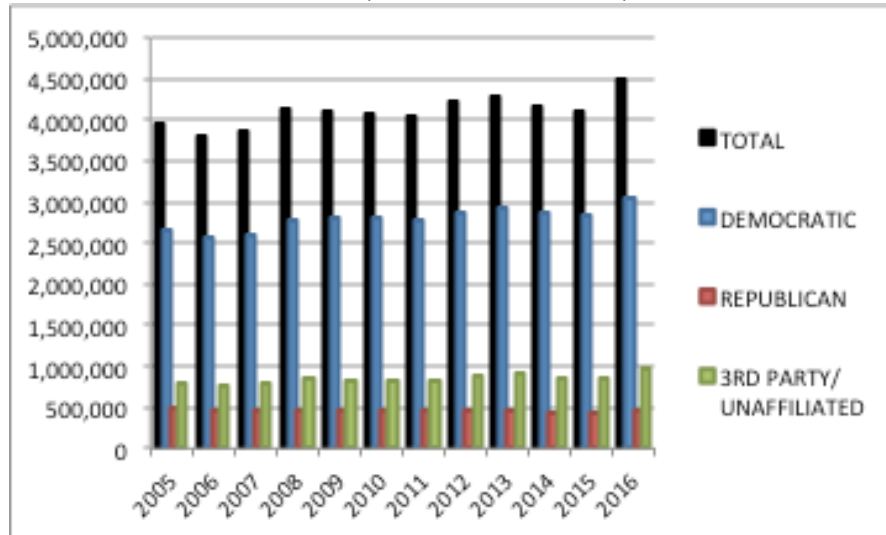
ACTIVE VOTERS REGISTERED IN NEW YORK STATE (November 1 2005 – November 1 2016)²



Within New York City, the increase in active registered voters was even more noticeable. In November 2015 there were 4,107,700 active registered voters in New York City, and just a year later, there are now 4,477,091 – a 9% increase accounting for an additional 369,391 registered voters.

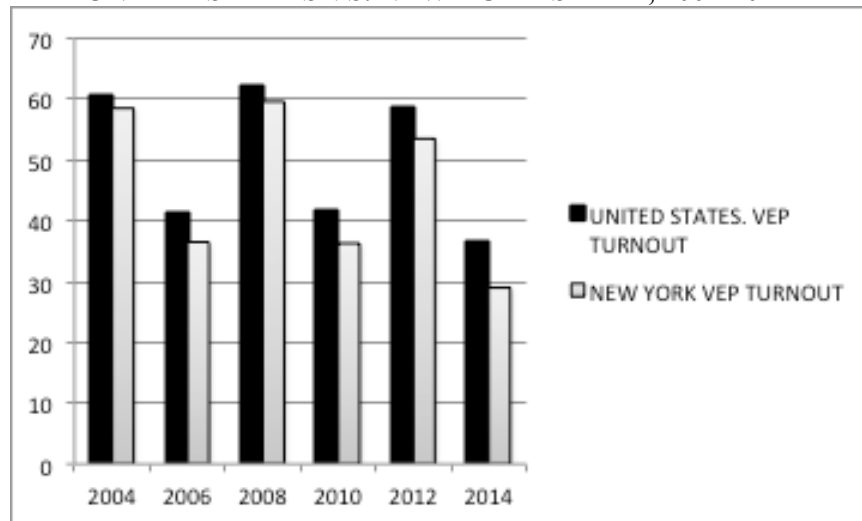
¹ <http://www.elections.ny.gov/EnrollmentCounty.html>
² [Ibid.](#)

ACTIVE VOTERS REGISTERED IN NEW YORK CITY³
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Since New York does not allow “same-day” registration and allow voters to register up through Election Day, voter registration efforts are crucial in generating high turnout. Data shows that when voters are registered, they turn out in large numbers, especially in Presidential elections.⁴

VOTER TURNOUT
UNITED STATES VS. NEW YORK STATE, 2004-2014⁵



As seen above, while New York voter registration is currently on an overall upward trajectory, New York’s abysmal voter turnout rates show that the state has work to do to translate its citizens’ drive to register into votes at the polls. The chart below, which represents turn-out among all eligible voters (whether registered or not), shows that in each of the past 6 Federal Election cycles, New York’s turnout lagged well behind the national average. In the 2014 election, only 29% of eligible New York voters cast a ballot. Between the 2008 Presidential Election and the 2012 Presidential Election, New York turnout fell by over 10%. Between the 2010 Congressional Election and the 2014 Congressional Election, New York turnout fell by over 20%. While it is true that turnout has fallen nationwide, New York’s drop has been almost twice as steep.

Will 2016 be different?

³ [Ibid.](#)

⁴ <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/08/02/u-s-voter-turnout-trails-most-developed-countries/>

⁵ <http://www.electproject.org/home/voter-turnout/voter-turnout-data>