

NEW YORK

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75%

of New York voters favor offshore wind construction off their state's coast — a 9-point gain over 14 months, during a period in which the industry faced significant attacks from the executive branch. Offshore wind ranks second only to solar as the energy resource New York voters most want as part of the state's electricity solution.

82%

support **adding more renewables** to New York's energy mix

66%

are not very confident that the NY grid can meet demand over the next 10 years

68%

say it's very important the Federal government **honor previously permitted offshore wind projects**

NEW YORK VOTER SUPPORT FOR OFFSHORE WIND CONSTRUCTION BY AFFILIATION

Across political affiliations, a **majority of voters** support offshore wind development.

Democrats



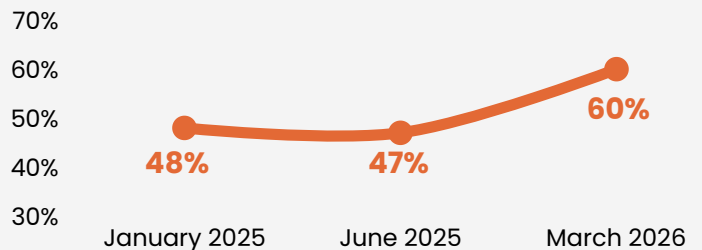
Independents



Republicans

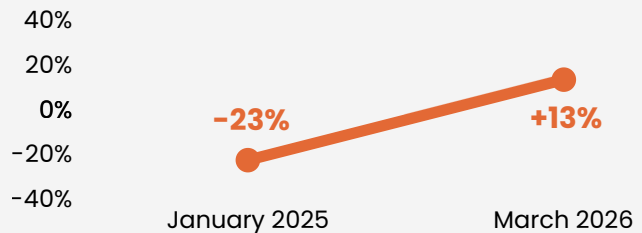


NY GOP VOTER SUPPORT FOR OSW CONSTRUCTION



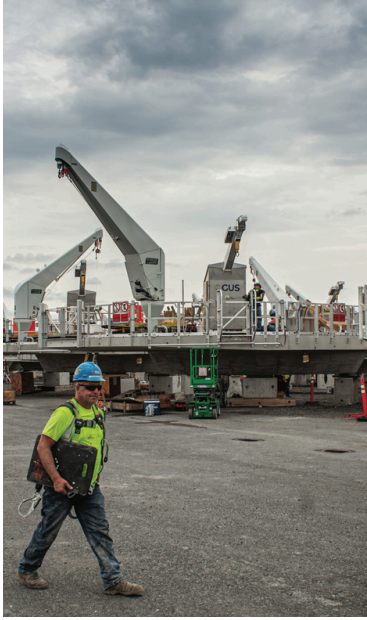
New York Republican voter support has increased substantially since Jan 2025.

NY GOP VOTER CANDIDATE NET SUPPORT SWING



Since January 2025, New York Republican voters have become significantly **more likely** to vote for a candidate that is pro offshore wind.

NEW YORK WORKERS BUILDING OFFSHORE WIND



Above: At the Port of Coeymans, Riggs Distler employs 125+ workers, many hired locally, supporting New York's offshore wind buildout. Right: A union welder at work at the Coeymans site, where local union crews have been fabricating offshore wind components since spring 2023. Credit: Oceantic Network.

Harold Weaver has spent his career working with steel. As Section Leader for Offshore Wind at Ljungström in Wellsville — more than 300 miles from the coast — he was part of a team that grew by 87% as the company pivoted to offshore wind, with nearly 375 people employed in a town of fewer than 5,000, building critical turbine components that are now sending power to the New York grid.

Down the Hudson River, Riggs Distler has hired more than 125 union craft workers across six local unions at the Port of Coeymans to support Sunrise Wind. At the Port of Albany, union crews are preparing a former brownfield site for future tower manufacturing.



"I'm honored to be working on something that is going to be placed in the ocean. I will tell my kids, 'I did that, that was Daddy.'"

— Johnta Terry, Ironworker Local 12, Port of Coeymans, NY

New York's Hudson Valley became the assembly hub for the East Coast's largest offshore wind projects, and the workers proved American manufacturing could do the job well.

NATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN FOOTPRINT

Across the nation:

- **2,135+** supplier contracts generated across **40** states, supporting a national supply chain
- **\$25+ billion** in total investment driven by the U.S. offshore wind industry
- **51%** of supply chain investment is flowing to Republican congressional districts, from Gulf Coast shipyards to Midwestern steel mills
- **\$1.8 billion** invested in shipyards, across 26 facilities in 15 states

WHAT NEW YORK VOTERS BELIEVE

63%

reject the claim that offshore wind drives up energy prices for consumers

57%

reject the claim that offshore wind affects military radar systems

*Opposition claims are broadly encountered but **not deeply held**, creating room for education.*

NYISO IS COUNTING ON OFFSHORE WIND

New York's energy providers are relying on offshore wind to meet near-term demand. **Without it, wholesale energy costs would rise**, regardless of how or whether that lost generation is replaced.

Cost with OSW

\$67B

Cost if OSW canceled, no replacement

\$72B

Cost if gas replaces OSW

\$72B