

# Mamdani elected mayor of New York

Zohran Mamdani, 34, has won a historic election as New York City's 111th mayor, becoming the first openly democratic socialist to lead the city and igniting debate over the Democratic Party's future

■ **Oct 18, 1991:** Born in Kampala, Uganda to parents of Indian descent: Columbia University anthropology professor **Mahmood Mamdani** and acclaimed film director **Mira Nair**

■ **1998:** Moves to New York City with family at age seven

■ **1999-2014:** Attends **The Bronx High School of Science** and later graduates from **Bowdoin College** in Maine with bachelor's degree in Africana Studies, where he co-founds campus chapter of **Students for Justice in Palestine**

■ **2015-19:** Works as housing officer in Queens, helping low-income homeowners fight eviction

■ **2018:** Becomes U.S. citizen through naturalisation

■ **2020:** Wins seat in New York State Assembly representing Queens

■ **Feb 2025:** Marries Brooklyn-based Syrian artist **Rama Duwaji**



■ **Jun 24:** Wins New York City's Democratic mayoral primary, making affordability the central message of his campaign

■ **Nov 4:** Defeats former New York governor **Andrew Cuomo**, running as independent, to become city's first Muslim mayor and the first of South Asian descent

## MAYORAL ELECTION RESULT (%) 91% of votes in

**Zohran Mamdani**  
*Democrat*  
**50.4%**  
Votes: 1,036,051

**Andrew Cuomo**  
*Independent*  
**41.6%**  
854,995

**Curtis Sliwa** *Republican*: 7.1% – 146,137

**Other**: 0.9%

**Mamdani's mandate for change to make good on his promises will lay groundwork for Democrats as they seek to recover from 2024 loss**