

This Washington Post-University of Maryland poll was conducted by telephone Sept. 22-27, 2022, among a random sample of 810 registered voters in the state of Maryland. Interviews were conducted by live interviewers, including 79 percent conducted on cellphones and 21 percent on landlines. Overall results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus four percentage points. Sampling, data collection and tabulation was conducted by Braun Research of Princeton, N.J.

(Full methodological details and sampling error margins for subgroups appended at the end.)

RV=Registered voters *= less than 0.5 percent

1. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the upcoming election for governor in Maryland this November: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

		Certain to vote	Probably vote	Chances 50/50	Less than 50/50	Will not vote (vol.)	No op.
11/27/22	RV	70	14	11	3	2	*

Compare to previous gubernatorial elections:

		Certain to vote	Probably vote	Chances 50/50	Less than 50/50	Don't think will vote (vol.)	Already voted (vol.)	No op
10/7/18	RV	74	13	6	4	2	1	1
10/5/14	RV	60	18	12	7	3	1	*
10/22/10*	RV	69	14	8	5	2	NA	1
9/26/10*	RV	71	14	10	4	1	NA	*
5/6/10*	RV	67	19	11	2	1	NA	*
10/26/06*	RV	72	13	7	4	1	1	1

**and U.S. Senator"

2. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) If the election were being held today and the candidates were (Wes Moore, the Democrat) and (Dan Cox, the Republican), for whom would you vote? Which one are you leaning toward right now?

		Moore	Cox	Another candidate (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Wouldn't vote (vol.)	No op.
11/27/22	RV	60	28	0	2	1	9

3. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) What is the most important issue in your choice for governor - (taxes), (public education), (health care), (the economy), (crime), (threats to democracy) or something else?

		The economy	Threats to democracy	Crime	Public educ.	Abortion	Taxes	Other	No op
11/27/22	RV	24	20	14	14	11	8	8	2

4. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of [ITEM]?

9/27/22 - Summary table among registered voters

		Favorable	Unfavorable	No opinion
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a. Wes Moore	51	17	32
b. Dan Cox	28	41	31

Compare to:

10/7/18 - Summary table among registered voters

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No opinion
a. Larry Hogan	68	18	14
b. Ben Jealous	36	32	32

5. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Would you describe [ITEM]'s political views as: very conservative, somewhat conservative, middle-of-the-road, somewhat liberal or very liberal?

9/27/22 - Summary table among registered voters

	--- Conservative ---			Middle-of	----- Liberal -----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	the-road	NET	Somewhat	Very	opinion
a. Wes More	7	2	4	25	43	30	14	24
b. Dan Cox	55	36	19	12	8	4	3	26

Compare to:

10/7/18 - Summary table among registered voters

	----Conservative-----			Middle-of	-----Liberal-----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	the road	NET	Somewhat	Very	op.
a. Larry Hogan	46	7	40	38	8	6	3	7
b. Ben Jealous	7	2	5	16	56	26	31	21

6. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Do you think Dan Cox's ideas and policies are (similar to) Donald Trump's or (different from) Trump's? Is that very or somewhat similar/different?

	----- Similar -----				----- Different -----				No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	No op.	NET	Somewhat	Very	No op.	op.
9/27/22 RV	58	32	24	2	15	11	3	1	27

Compare to Virginia:

(AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Do you think Glenn Youngkin's ideas and policies are (similar to) Donald Trump's or (different from) Trump's?

	Similar	Different	No opinion
10/26/21 LV	71	18	11

7. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) How important is it to you that Wes Moore may become the first African American governor in Maryland? Very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?

	-- More important --			----- Less important -----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	opinion
9/27/22 RV	44	19	26	54	14	39	2

Compare to:

(AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) How important is it to you that Anthony Brown may become the first African American governor in Maryland - very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?

----- Important -----	----- Not important -----	No
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		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	opinion
10/5/14	RV	33	13	20	64	17	47	2

8. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) In June, the Supreme Court ruled that there is NOT a constitutional right to abortion, overturning the court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision and allowing states to decide whether abortion should be legal. Do you support or oppose the Supreme Court's decision?

		Support	Oppose	No opinion
9/27/22	RV	29	67	4

9. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Would you support or oppose a state constitutional amendment protecting the right to have an abortion in Maryland?

		Support	Oppose	No opinion
9/27/22	RV	78	16	5

Questions 10 and 11 held for release.

12. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) There is a proposal to add express lanes to I-270 and the Beltway in Maryland which drivers could use by paying a toll. The existing lanes would remain free, while the price of express lanes would adjust depending on traffic. Do you support or oppose adding express toll lanes?

		Support	Oppose	No opinion
9/27/22	RV	50	42	8
10/14/19	RV	51	43	6
10/14/19		51	44	6

13. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) These days, how safe from crime do you feel in your neighborhood? Would you say you feel very safe from crime, somewhat safe, not too safe, or not at all safe?

		----- Safe -----			----- Not safe -----			No
		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	opinion
9/27/22	RV	85	43	42	15	10	5	1

Compare to Washington, D.C. residents:

		----- Safe -----			----- Not safe -----			No
		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	opinion
12/21/93	DC	57	10	47	43	23	20	-

14. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Overall, how would you describe the problem of crime in Maryland - is it extremely serious, very serious, moderately serious, not too serious, or not serious at all?

		---- More serious ----			----- Less serious -----			No
		NET	Extremely	Very	Moderately	NET	Not too	Not at all
9/27/22	RV	54	23	31	36	7	6	1
								op.
								3

Compare to U.S. adults:
"In the United States"

		---- More serious ----			----- Less serious -----			No
		NET	Extremely	Very	Moderately	NET	Not too	Not at all
6/30/21*		59	28	31	32	7	6	1
								op.
								2

*Washington Post-ABC News

Question 15 held for release.

16. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Larry Hogan is handling his job as governor of Maryland? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

		NET	----- Approve -----		NET	----- Disapprove -----	No	
			Strongly	Somewhat		Somewhat	Strongly	op.
9/27/22	RV	73	36	36	22	15	7	5
10/14/19	RV	67	29	39	15	10	5	17
10/14/19		64	26	38	16	11	6	19
10/7/18		68	35	34	17	10	7	15
6/3/18		71	26	45	20	13	7	9
3/19/17		65	27	38	17	11	6	18
9/30/16		71	34	36	18	11	7	11
4/3/16		66	30	36	19	11	8	15
10/11/15		61	28	33	22	13	9	18
2/8/15		42	18	24	24	14	10	34

Compare to:
Martin O'Malley

10/5/14	RV	41	14	27	48	14	34	11
2/16/14		55	21	33	39	12	27	7
2/24/13		49	16	33	41	13	28	10
10/15/12	RV	49	18	31	41	14	28	9
1/26/12		55	16	39	36	15	21	9
10/22/10	RV*	55	21	34	36	15	21	9
9/26/10		57	20	37	33	16	17	11
5/6/10		54	17	37	34	17	17	12
10/20/08	RV	53	14	39	37	16	21	10
10/22/07		53	12	40	36	18	19	11

**Regardless of how you may vote..."

Bob Ehrlich

10/26/06	LV	55	30	25	42	19	23	3
6/25/06	RV	56	21	36	41	21	20	3
1/7/04	All	62	21	42	28	17	11	10

Parris Glendening:

10/24/02	LV	37	9	29	58	22	37	4
10/22/98	LV	54	16	38	40	21	19	6
6/17/98	LV	55	14	41	36	19	18	9

17. (AMONG REGISTERED REPUBLICANS) If the 2024 Republican presidential primary were being held today and the candidates were (Larry Hogan) and (Donald Trump), for whom would you vote?

		Larry Hogan	Donald Trump	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Wouldn't vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/27/22	RV	35	59	*	*	0	5

Questions 18 and 19 held for release.

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

Demographics of weighted sample

	% of Maryland registered voters
Men	46
Women	54
Age 18-39	35
Age 40-64	42
Age 65+	23
High school or less	27
Some college	27
Bachelor's degree	25
Post-graduate	21
White, non-Hispanic	61
Black, non-Hispanic	28
Hispanic	5
Other/Multiple	7
Registered Democrat	54
Registered Republican	24
Registered Indep/Other	22

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This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as appears in this document. Demographics are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Questions that contain parenthetical phrases indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents. References to results with "LV" or "RV" samples indicate results among likely voters or registered voters.

A total of 810 interviews were completed through a stratified random sample from a database of Maryland registered voters maintained by Aristotle, Inc., in which voters have been matched to landline and cellular phone numbers.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples.

The sample of was weighted to match population estimates for the demographic makeup of Maryland registered voters, as detailed in the table below.

	Source of weighting benchmarks
Weighting factors	Registered voter sample
Sex	

Race/Ethnicity Education White X College degree	2016-2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) voting and registration supplement
Age Region within state Party registration	Maryland State Board of Elections
Turnout in 2016, 2018 and 2020 general elections	Aristotle voter file

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.4 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

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