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
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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-the-road	------ Liberal ------			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat		NET	Somewhat	Very	
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-the road	-------Liberal-------			No op.
	NET	Very	Somewhat		NET	Somewhat	Very	
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 op.
	NET	Very	Somewhat	No op.	NET	Somewhat	Very	No 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 opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	
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 | op. |
| 9/27/22 RV | 54  | 23        | 31   | 36         | 7   | 6       | 1          | 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 | op. |
| 6/30/21* | 59  | 28        | 31   | 32         | 7   | 6       | 1          | 2   |

15. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Do you favor the legalization of the use of cannabis by an individual who is at least 21 years of age on or after July 1, 2023, in the state of Maryland?

|  |  | Yes | No | No opinion |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/27/22 | RV | 73 | 23 | 4 |

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?

|  |  | Approve | | | Disapprove | | | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  |  | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | 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<br>Race/Ethnicity<br>Education<br>White X College degree | 2016-2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) voting and registration supplement |
| Age<br>Region within state<br>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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