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**Goucher College Poll results: Democrats lead statewide contests and voters largely set on governor's race; Democratic gubernatorial candidate Moore viewed favorably by a majority of likely voters; Residents feel impact of price increases and are divided on the current economic situation in the state; Hogan maintains strong approval rating across party lines, attitudes toward Biden, Trump polarized; Plurality believe the pandemic isn't over but we have to learn to live without additional mitigation measures.**

**BALTIMORE** (September 19, 2022)—The Goucher College Poll was conducted from September 8 to 12, 2022. It surveyed 1,008 Maryland residents (MOE=+/-3.1%) from which 748 likely voters (MOE=+/-3.6%) were identified. Residents were asked their opinions on the direction and the economic conditions of the state, the state of the COVID-19 pandemic, race relations, approaches to addressing crime, and educational issues, as well as their views toward Gov. Larry Hogan, President Joe Biden, and former President Donald J. Trump. Likely voters were asked for their candidate preferences in the upcoming statewide general election contests.

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## Maryland Gubernatorial Race

If the general election for Maryland governor were held today, **53 percent** say they will vote for the Democratic nominee Wes Moore and **31 percent** for the Republican nominee Dan Cox. Libertarian candidate David Lasher and Green Party candidate Nancy Wallace earn **4 percent** and **2 percent** of the vote, respectively. **Nine percent** of Maryland likely voters are currently undecided.

**Sixty-nine percent** of likely voters who choose a candidate say they are "set on this candidate" and **28 percent** say they could change their mind.

Maryland likely voters were also asked how they viewed the Democratic and Republican nominees for governor.

Favorability ratings:

Democratic nominee Wes Moore: **53 percent** favorable / **33 percent** unfavorable / **13 percent** don't know
Republican nominee Dan Cox: **30 percent** favorable / **53 percent** unfavorable / **14 percent** don't know

Perceptions of candidate politics:

Republican nominee Dan Cox
Far or extreme right: **35 percent**
Conservative: **24 percent**
Moderate: **12 percent**
Progressive or liberal: **4 percent**
Far or extreme left: **5 percent**

Democratic nominee Wes Moore
Far or extreme right: **2 percent**
Conservative: **5 percent**
Moderate: **22 percent**
Progressive or liberal: **36 percent**
Far or extreme left: **13 percent**

**Other Statewide Races: Maryland Attorney General, State Comptroller, and U.S. Senate**

Maryland likely voters were also asked about the races for Maryland Attorney General, State Comptroller, and U.S. Senate.

Maryland Attorney General: **53 percent** say they will vote for the Democratic nominee Anthony Brown and **31 percent** for the Republican nominee Michael Peroutka. **Fifteen percent** are currently undecided.

State Comptroller: **48 percent** say they will vote for the Democratic nominee Brooke Lierman and **35 percent** for the Republican nominee Barry Glassman. **Sixteen percent** are currently undecided.

U.S. Senate: **56 percent** say they will vote for the Democratic nominee Chris Van Hollen and **33 percent** for the Republican nominee Chris Chaffee. **Eight percent** are currently undecided.

"The Democratic ticket is in a strong position to sweep the statewide contests this cycle. The Democratic nominee Wes Moore is viewed favorably by a majority of state voters, and perceptions of his mix of progressive and moderate politics aligns with how many Maryland voters view themselves," says Mileah Kromer, Director of the Sarah T. Hughes Center for Politics at Goucher College. "Dan Cox's endorsement from former President Donald J. Trump and his own political views secured his primary win but remain at odds with the Democratic and independent voters he needs to build a winning coalition."

**Legalization of Recreational Marijuana**

A referendum on whether to legalize recreational marijuana for individuals aged 21 and older will also appear on the ballot this November. **Fifty-nine percent** of Maryland residents indicate they will vote in favor of the legalization of recreational marijuana, and **34 percent** say they will vote against it. **Seven percent** are currently undecided. These attitudes closely align with those measured by the Goucher College Poll over the last decade.

**Sixty-two percent** of voters believe that if voters do decide to legalize recreational marijuana the state should then expunge the records of those charged with or convicted of marijuana use and/or possession crime and **29 percent** say the state should not.

**Important Issues and Motivations for Maryland Likely Voters**

Likely voters were asked to select three issues from a list of issues that could determine their choice for governor. "The economy and taxes," "crime and public safety," and "public schools and education" were among the most selected issues.

- The economy and taxes: **64 percent**
- Crime and public safety: **62 percent**
- Public schools and education: **60 percent**
- Infrastructure like roads, bridges, and highways: **35 percent**
- Environmental issues: **28 percent**
- Affordable housing: **26 percent**
- Public transportation: **8 percent**

**Half** of voters say that the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade does not make them any more or less motivated to vote in the upcoming election. **Forty-four percent** say it makes them more motivated to vote. There does appear to be a gender-based difference in motivation related to the overturning of Roe: **49 percent** of female voters say it makes them more motivated to vote compared to **38 percent** of male voters.

**Gov. Larry Hogan, President Joe Biden, and Former President Donald J. Trump**

Gov. Hogan continues to earn a solid approval rating from Maryland residents, effectively unchanged over the last eight years. The Goucher College Poll has measured Hogan's approval rating throughout his two terms in office. His highest approval rating of **71 percent** was earned in October 2020. **Sixty-two percent** of Marylanders approve of the job Hogan is doing as governor, **28 percent** disapprove, and **8 percent** say they don't know.

Among Democrats: **64 percent** approve, **28 percent** disapprove
Among independents: **65 percent** approve, **24 percent** disapprove
Among Republicans: **58 percent** approve, **30 percent** disapprove

Marylanders are divided in their attitudes toward Joe Biden: **48 percent** approve of the job he's doing as president, and **48 percent** disapprove.

Among Democrats: **74 percent** approve, **22 percent** disapprove
Among independents: **37 percent** approve, **61 percent** disapprove
Among Republicans: **14 percent** approve, **84 percent** disapprove

Former President Donald J. Trump is viewed favorably by **32 percent** of Maryland residents. **Sixty-one** percent view him unfavorably.

Among Democrats: **12 percent** favorable, **85 percent** unfavorable

Among independents: **31 percent** favorable, **57 percent** unfavorable
Among Republicans: **69 percent** favorable, **21 percent** unfavorable

## Statewide Perceptions: Direction, Economy, COVID-19, and Race Relations

**Forty-five percent** of residents say Maryland is heading in the right direction, and **39 percent** say Maryland is off on the wrong track.

A large majority (**68 percent**) of Marylanders say that recent price increases have caused either a minor (**37 percent**) or major (**31 percent**) financial hardship. **Thirty-one percent** indicate that they have not been impacted. Residents are divided in their perceptions of the Maryland economy: **45 percent** held a mostly positive view of the current economic situation in Maryland; **42 percent** hold a mostly negative view. **Twelve percent** say they don't know whether the current economic situation in the state is negative or positive.

Residents also gave their opinions on the current state of the coronavirus pandemic in Maryland:

- **45 percent** say the coronavirus pandemic isn't completely over, but we have to learn to live with ongoing cases without any additional measures to mitigate it.
- **41 percent** say the coronavirus pandemic is still ongoing and we need to continue to take measures to mitigate it.
- **11 percent** say the coronavirus pandemic is over.

More than half (**54 percent**) of residents describe race relations in Maryland as "fairly good" and **seven percent** say they are "very good." **Twenty-two percent** describe race relations as "fairly bad" and **9 percent** say they are "very bad."

## Education Issues

Residents were asked whether they agree or disagree with several statements about recent issues regarding K-12 schools.

- **68 percent** agree that "schools should teach students about how racism exists in society and its institutions," **27 percent** disagree.
- **30 percent** agree that "critical race theory, commonly referred to as C-R-T, is currently being taught in Maryland K-12 schools," **44 percent** disagree.
- **54 percent** agree that "students should be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend public schools," **40 percent** disagree.
- **69 percent** agree that "parents should have a say over the curriculum or what is taught to students in K-12 schools," **26 percent** disagree.

## Approaches to Addressing Crime

Marylanders were asked which of two approaches best described how they think government should prioritize their public safety budgets to best address crime.

- **46 percent** think that more funding should go toward addressing the social and economic causes of crime, such as mental health, drug addiction, housing, and education.
- **27 percent** think that more funding should go toward strengthening the criminal justice system and training law enforcement officers.
- **22 percent** volunteer that the government should prioritize both approaches.
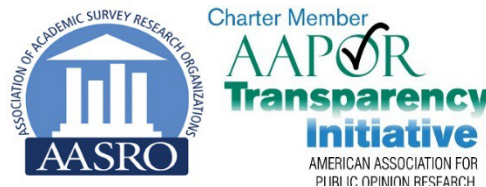
**About the Goucher College Poll**

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**Survey Methodology**

The poll is conducted using random digit dialing (RDD) random sample using landline and cellular telephone numbers. Braun Research collected the data and Dynata supplied the sample of telephone numbers. The survey was conducted **September 8 to September 12, 2022**. During this time, interviews were conducted from 1 to 9 p.m. Interviewers attempted to reach respondents with working phone numbers a maximum of five times. Only Maryland statewide residents aged 18 years or older were eligible to participate. Interviews were not conducted with adults who were reached at business or work numbers.

**Eighty-one percent** of the interviews were completed on a cell phone and **19 percent** were conducted on a landline. **Fifteen percent** of the cell phone sample utilized text-to-web. Interviews for this survey were completed with **1,008 adults**. For a sample size of 1,008, there is a 95 percent probability the survey results have a +/-3.1 percentage point sampling error from the actual population distribution for any given survey question. Margins of error are higher for subsamples. In addition to sampling error, all surveys are subject to sources of non-sampling error, including question wording effects, question order effects, and non-response bias. Margin of error is not adjusted for design effects. Data is weighted by gender, age, race, region, and educational attainment to represent adult population targets established by the most recent five-year average American Community Survey (ACS) estimates and U.S. Census.

**Survey Question Design**

The Goucher College Poll provides the questions as worded and the order in which they are administered to respondents.

**BRACKETED ITEMS [ ]:** Items and statements in brackets are rotated to ensure respondents do not receive a set order of response options, which maintains question construction integrity by avoiding respondent agreement based on question composition.

Example: [agree or disagree] or [disagree or agree]

**PROBE (p)**: Some questions contain a "probe" maneuver to determine a respondent's intensity of opinion/perspective. Probe techniques used in this questionnaire mainly consist of asking respondents if their responses are more intense than initially provided.

Example: Do you have a [favorable or unfavorable] opinion of President Joe Biden?
**PROBE**: Would you say very favorable/unfavorable?

**OPEN-ENDED**: No response options are provided for an open-ended question, i.e., it is entirely up to the respondent to provide the response information. Any response options provided to the interviewer are not read to the respondent; they are only used to help reduce interviewer error and time in coding the response.

**VOLUNTEER (v)**: Volunteer responses means the interviewer did not offer that response option in the question as read to the interviewer. Interviewers are instructed not to offer "don't know" or "refused" or "some other opinion" to the respondent, but the respondent is free to volunteer that information for the interviewer to record.

## Sample demographics

*The sample is weighted by the following demographic characteristics:*

| | | Maryland population parameter | Weighed sample estimate (<u>adults</u>) n=1,008 MOE=+/-3.1 | Weighted sample estimate (<u>likely voters</u>) n=748 MOE=+/-3.6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Gender** | Male | 48 | 48 | 48 |
| | Female | 52 | 52 | 52 |
| **Age** | 18-24 | 11 | 11 | 6 |
| | 25-34 | 17 | 17 | 15 |
| | 35-44 | 17 | 17 | 16 |
| | 45-54 | 17 | 17 | 19 |
| | 55-64 | 17 | 17 | 19 |
| | 65+ | 20 | 21 | 25 |
| **Race** | White | 59 | 59 | 63 |
| | Black | 31 | 31 | 30 |
| | All other | 10 | 10 | 7 |
| **Education** | High school graduate/GED or less | 35 | 31 | 26 |
| | Some college or associate degree | 27 | 26 | 26 |
| | 4-year college degree | 21 | 23 | 25 |
| | Advanced/post-grad degree | 17 | 20 | 23 |
| **County/Region*** | Montgomery County | 17 | 17 | 16 |
| | Prince George's County | 16 | 16 | 18 |
| | Baltimore County | 14 | 14 | 13 |
| | Baltimore City | 10 | 10 | 9 |
| | Anne Arundel County | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| | Central Region | 12 | 12 | 13 |
| | Western Region | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| | Eastern Shore Region | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| | Southern Region | 6 | 6 | 6 |

*Counties included in region:
- <u>Central</u>: Carroll, Harford, and Howard
- <u>Western</u>: Allegany, Garrett, Frederick, and Washington
- <u>Eastern Shore</u>: Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester
- <u>Southern</u>: Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's

## Other sample demographics

*The sample is not weighted by the following demographic characteristics:*

| | | Weighed sample estimate (adults) n=1,008 MOE=+/-3.1 | Weighted sample estimate (likely voters) n=748 MOE=+/-3.6) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Party** | Democrat | 52 | 53 |
| | Republican | 27 | 29 |
| | Unaffiliated/Independent | 19 | 17 |
| | Other | 2 | 2 |
| **Ideology** | Conservative | 30 | 31 |
| | Moderate | 42 | 43 |
| | Progressive | 22 | 23 |
| | Don't know/Refused (v) | 6 | 4 |
| **Income** | Under $40,000 | 23 | 17 |
| | $40,00 to under $75,000 | 21 | 22 |
| | $75,000 to under $125,000 | 21 | 22 |
| | $125,000 or more | 29 | 33 |
| | Don't know/Refused (v) | 6 | 6 |

The following questions were asked to the full sample of 1,002 Maryland adults. Results are in percent and may not add up exactly to 100 due to weighting and rounding. Questions appear in the order in which they were administered to the respondent.

| Q: TRACK | Do you think things in Maryland are [heading in the right direction or are off on the wrong track]? | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| | Wrong track | 39 |
| | Right direction | 45 |
| | Don't know (v) | 14 |
| | Refused (v) | 2 |

| Q: HOGANJOB | Do you [disapprove or approve] of the way Larry Hogan is handling his job as governor? | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| | Strongly disapprove | 10 |
| | Disapprove | 18 |
| | Approve | 41 |
| | Strongly approve | 21 |
| | Don't know (v) | 8 |
| | Refused (v) | 2 |

| Q: MDECON | Do you have a [mostly negative or mostly positive] view of the current economic situation in Maryland? | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| | Mostly negative | 42 |
| | Mostly positive | 45 |
| | Don't know (v) | 12 |
| | Refused (v) | 1 |

| Q: PRICE | Have recent price increases caused any financial hardship for you or others in your household, or not? If Yes: Has that been a major or minor financial hardship? | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| | No hardship | 31 |
| | Minor hardship | 37 |
| | Major hardship | 31 |
| | Don't know (v) | 1 |
| | Refused (v) | 0 |

| Q: BIDENJOB | Do you [approve or disapprove] of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president? | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| | Strongly disapprove | 34 |
| | Disapprove | 14 |
| | Approve | 27 |
| | Strongly approve | 21 |
| | Don't know (v) | 3 |
| | Refused (v) | 1 |

| Q: TRUMPFAV | Do you have a [favorable or unfavorable] opinion of former President Donald Trump? | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| | Very unfavorable | 46 |
| | Unfavorable | 15 |
| | Favorable | 14 |
| | Very favorable | 18 |
| | Don't know (v) | 4 |
| | Refused (v) | 3 |
| Q: EDUINT | Changing topics, I'm going to read you several statements about K-12 schools. Please tell me whether you [agree or disagree] with each one: [statements rotated] | |
| Q: RACISM | *Schools should teach students about how racism exists in society and its institutions.* | Percent |
| | Strongly disagree | 15 |
| | Disagree | 12 |
| | Agree | 27 |
| | Strongly agree | 41 |
| | Don't know (v) | 4 |
| | Refused (v) | 1 |
| Q: CRT | *Critical race theory, commonly referred to as C-R-T, is currently being taught in Maryland K-12 schools.* | Percent |
| | Strongly disagree | 27 |
| | Disagree | 17 |
| | Agree | 16 |
| | Strongly agree | 14 |
| | Don't know (v) | 24 |
| | Refused (v) | 2 |
| Q: VACCINE | *Students should be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend public schools.* | Percent |
| | Strongly disagree | 25 |
| | Disagree | 15 |
| | Agree | 22 |
| | Strongly agree | 32 |
| | Don't know (v) | 4 |
| | Refused (v) | 1 |

| Q: PARENTS | *Parents should have a say over the curriculum or what is taught to students in K-12 schools.* | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| | Strongly disagree | 10 |
| | Disagree | 16 |
| | Agree | 33 |
| | Strongly agree | 36 |
| | Don't know (v) | 4 |
| | Refused (v) | 1 |

| Q: CRIME | Changing topics, I'm going to read you two approaches on how government should prioritize their public safety budgets to best address crime. Please tell me which one comes closest to your opinion even if neither are exactly right: | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| | More funding should go toward addressing the social and economic causes of crime, such as mental health, drug addiction, housing, and education. | 46 |
| | More funding should go toward strengthening the criminal justice system and training law enforcement officers. | 27 |
| | Government should prioritize both (v) | 22 |
| | Some other opinion (v) | 2 |
| | Don't know (v) | 2 |
| | Refused (v) | 1 |

| Q: RACE_REL | For the most part, do you think race relations in Maryland are [very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad]? | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| | Very bad | 9 |
| | Fairly bad | 22 |
| | Fairly good | 54 |
| | Very good | 7 |
| | Don't know (v) | 7 |
| | Refused (v) | 1 |

| Q: COVID | Which of the following best, even if not perfectly, describes your opinion toward the current state of the coronavirus pandemic in Maryland? | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| | The coronavirus pandemic is over. | 11 |
| | The coronavirus pandemic isn't completely over but we have to learn to live with ongoing cases without any additional measures to mitigate it. | 45 |
| | The coronavirus pandemic is still on going and we need to continue to take measures to mitigate it. | 41 |
| | Don't know (v) | 2 |
| | Refused (v) | 1 |

| **The following question was administered to the full sample of 1,008 Maryland adults (MOE=+/-3.09):** | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Q: REGVOTE** | Are you registered to vote in Maryland at your current address? If yes: Are currently you registered as a Republican, Democrat, independent or unaffiliated, or something else? | Percent |
| | Democrat | 52 |
| | Republican | 27 |
| | Independent or unaffiliated | 19 |
| | Registered other party | 2 |
| **The following question was administered to the 931 Maryland adults who indicated they were registered to vote:** | | |
| **Q: INTEREST** | As you may know, there will be a statewide general election in November. How interested are you in these elections: extremely, very, somewhat, or not at all? | Percent |
| | Not interested at all | 5 |
| | Somewhat interested | 22 |
| | Very interested | 30 |
| | Extremely interested | 42 |
| | Don't know (v) | 2 |
| | Refused (v) | 0 |
| **The following question was administered to the 873 registered voters who were somewhat, very, or extremely interested in the election:** | | |
| **Q: OFTEN** | How often do you typically vote in general elections: always, almost always, sometimes, seldomly, or never? | Percent |
| | Never | 1 |
| | Seldomly | 4 |
| | Sometimes | 10 |
| | Almost always | 22 |
| | Always | 63 |
| | I haven't yet been eligible to vote in a general election (v) | 1 |
| | Don't know (v) | 0 |
| **The following question was administered to the 830 registered voters who sometimes, almost always, or always voted OR who haven't yet been eligible to vote in a general election:** | | |
| **Q: LV** | Which of the following statements best describes you? | Percent |
| | I probably will NOT vote in the November statewide general election. | 1 |
| | I MAY vote in the November statewide general election. | 9 |
| | Unless some emergency comes up, I WILL vote in the November statewide general election. | 14 |
| | I DEFINITELY WILL vote in the November statewide general election. | 76 |
| | Don't know (v) | 1 |

| Q: ISSUE | Okay, I'm going to read you a list of issues. I know that voters care about a lot of different issues, but please tell me which THREE of these are usually the most important issue in determining your choice for governor. Is it… |
|---|---|

| Q: CRMSAF | Crime and public safety | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| | Not a top 3 issue | 37 |
| | A top 3 issue | 62 |
| | Don't know (v) | 1 |
| | Refused (v) | 0 |
| Q: ECONTAX | The economy and taxes | Percent |
| | Not a top 3 issue | 35 |
| | A top 3 issue | 64 |
| | Don't know (v) | 1 |
| | Refused (v) | 0 |
| Q: PUBSCH | Public schools and education | Percent |
| | Not a top 3 issue | 39 |
| | A top 3 issue | 60 |
| | Don't know (v) | 1 |
| | Refused (v) | 0 |
| Q: INFRA | Infrastructure like roads, bridges, and highways | Percent |
| | Not a top 3 issue | 63 |
| | A top 3 issue | 35 |
| | Don't know (v) | 1 |
| | Refused (v) | 0 |
| Q: TRANSIT | Public transportation | Percent |
| | Not a top 3 issue | 91 |
| | A top 3 issue | 8 |
| | Don't know (v) | 1 |
| | Refused (v) | 0 |
| Q: ENVIRO | Environmental issues | Percent |
| | Not a top 3 issue | 71 |
| | A top 3 issue | 28 |
| | Don't know (v) | 1 |
| | Refused (v) | 0 |

| Q: HOUSING | Affordable housing | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| | Not a top 3 issue | 73 |
| | A top 3 issue | 26 |
| | Don't know (v) | 1 |
| | Refused (v) | 0 |
| Q: ISSUE_OTH | Other issue (v) | Percent |
| | Not a top 3 issue | 94 |
| | A top 3 issue | 5 |
| | Don't know (v) | 1 |
| | Refused (v) | 0 |
| Q: SC_MOTIVATE | Has the Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade made you [more motivated or less motivated] to vote in the upcoming 2022 midterm election, or has it not made a difference? | Percent |
| | Less motivated | 3 |
| | Made no difference | 50 |
| | More motivated | 44 |
| | Don't know (v) | 2 |
| | Refused (v) | 1 |
| Q: CAND_FAV | Next, I'd like to get your opinion on two of the candidates running for governor of Maryland. Regardless of who you plan to vote for, please tell me whether you have a [favorable or unfavorable] view of each one: [candidates rotated] | |
| Q: MOORE_FAV | The Democratic nominee Wes Moore | Percent |
| | Very unfavorable | 15 |
| | Unfavorable | 18 |
| | Favorable | 29 |
| | Very favorable | 24 |
| | Don't know (v) | 13 |
| | Refused (v) | 1 |
| Q: COX_FAV | The Republican nominee Dan Cox | Percent |
| | Very unfavorable | 31 |
| | Unfavorable | 22 |
| | Favorable | 17 |
| | Very favorable | 13 |
| | Don't know (v) | 14 |
| | Refused (v) | 2 |

| Q: CAND_IDEO | Next, I'd like to know how you generally view the politics of the Democratic and Republican candidates for governor. | |
|---|---|---|
| **Q: COX_IDEO** | Which label best describes the Republican nominee, Dan Cox, is he: [far or extreme left, progressive or liberal, moderate, conservative, or far or extreme right]? | Percent |
| | Far or extreme right | 35 |
| | Conservative | 24 |
| | Moderate | 12 |
| | Progressive or liberal | 4 |
| | Far or extreme left | 5 |
| | Don't know (v) | 18 |
| | Refused (v) | 2 |
| **Q: MOORE_IDEO** | Which label best describes the Democratic nominee, Wes Moore, is he: [far or extreme left, progressive or liberal, moderate, conservative, or far or extreme right]? | Percent |
| | Far or extreme right | 2 |
| | Conservative | 5 |
| | Moderate | 22 |
| | Progressive or liberal | 36 |
| | Far or extreme left | 13 |
| | Don't know (v) | 18 |
| | Refused (v) | 2 |
| **Q: GOV_RACE** | Okay, if the election for Maryland governor were held today, which of the following candidates would you support: | Percent |
| | The Democratic candidate Wes Moore | 53 |
| | The Republican candidate Dan Cox | 31 |
| | The Libertarian candidate David Lasher | 4 |
| | The Green Party candidate Nancy Wallace | 2 |
| | Some other candidate (v) | 1 |
| | Undecided or don't know (v) | 9 |
| | Refused (v) | 1 |
| **Q: GOV_FIRM** | Is there a chance you could change your mind or are you set on this candidate for governor? | Percent |
| | Could change mind | 28 |
| | Set on this candidate | 69 |
| | Don't know (v) | 2 |
| | Refused (v) | 0 |

| Q: AG_RACE | Next, I'm going to ask you about the other statewide races. If the election for Maryland Attorney General were held today, who would you vote for... | Percent |
| --- | --- | --- |
| | The Democratic candidate Anthony Brown | 53 |
| | The Republican candidate Michael Peroutka | 31 |
| | Some other candidate (v) | 1 |
| | Undecided or don't know (v) | 15 |
| | Refused (v) | 0 |
| Q: COMP_RACE | If the election for Maryland State Comptroller were held today, who would you vote for... | Percent |
| | The Democratic candidate Brooke Lierman | 48 |
| | The Republican candidate Barry Glassman | 35 |
| | Some other candidate (v) | 1 |
| | Undecided or don't know (v) | 16 |
| | Refused (v) | 1 |
| Q: SEN_RACE | If the election for United States Senate were held today, who would you vote for... | Percent |
| | The Democratic candidate Chris Van Hollen | 56 |
| | The Republican candidate Chris Chaffee | 33 |
| | Some other candidate (v) | 2 |
| | Undecided or don't know (v) | 8 |
| | Refused (v) | 0 |
| Q: MARIJUANA | Along with the various statewide and local races, a referendum on whether to legalize recreational marijuana for individuals aged 21 and older will appear on the ballot this November. Will you [vote for or vote against] the legalization of recreational marijuana? | Percent |
| | Vote against | 34 |
| | Vote for | 59 |
| | Undecided or don't know (v) | 7 |
| | Refused (v) | 0 |
| Q: EXPUNGE | Regardless of how you plan to vote on the issue, if voters do decide to legalize recreational marijuana, do you think the state [should or should not] then expunge the records of those charged or convicted of marijuana use and/or possession crimes? | Percent |
| | Should not | 29 |
| | Should | 62 |
| | Don't know or unsure (v) | 8 |
| | Refused (v) | 1 |