



January 25 - February 3, 2021  
615 Respondents (600 Weighted)  
237 Email Responses (207 Weighted)  
193 Matched Panel Respondents (167 Weighted)  
185 SMS Respondents (226 Weighted)  
Margin of error:  $\pm 4$  percentage points

## Maryland 2021 Session Poll Frequencies

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Q.2 First of all, are you registered to vote in Maryland?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes	100
No (TERMINATE)	-

Q.3 And did you vote in the general election for president and other offices this past November 2020?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes	95
No	4
Prefer not to answer	1
<b>Yes - No</b>	<b>91</b>

**(Effective Base: 568)**

Q.4 (IF YES IN Q.3) And did you vote by mail, did you vote early at an in-person voting center, or did you vote in person on Election Day?

	<b>Total</b>
Voted by mail	49
Voted early in-person	31
Voted on Election Day in-person	20
Prefer not to answer	0

**(Effective Base: 568)**

Q.5 (IF YES IN Q.3) On a scale from 0 to 100, how confident would you say you are that your vote was counted as you intended it to be in the 2020 election for president and other offices? Zero means you are not confident at all and 100 means you are completely confident.

	<b>Total</b>
0 - 24	12
25 - 49	3
50	2
51 - 75	8
76+	72
Don't know	2
<b>Mean</b>	<b>77.9</b>
<b>0 - 49</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>51 - 100</b>	<b>80</b>

Q.6 I know it's a long way off, but what are the chances that you will vote in the elections for governor, Congress, and the Maryland state legislature in November 2022 -- are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or will you not vote?

	<b>Total</b>
Almost certain	73
Probably	11
50-50	9
Will not vote	3
Unsure	3

Q.7 And generally speaking, do you think that things in Maryland are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	<b>Total</b>
Right direction	47
Wrong track	28
Not sure	25
<b>Right direction - Wrong track</b>	<b>18</b>

Q.8 What would you say is the biggest issue in Maryland that you would like the governor and General Assembly to focus on?

	<b>Total</b>
COVID-19/pandemic	16
Vaccine distribution	12
Education/schools	11
The economy/jobs	11
Taxes	10
Crime/gun violence	5
Health care	4
Re-open businesses	4
Re-open schools	4
Affordable housing/homelessness	3
Don't rush to reopen schools	3
Unemployment benefits/pandemic relief	3
Attention/investment in Baltimore City	2
Budget/spending	2
Cost of living	2
Equality/racial inequality	2
Gun rights/2nd Amendment	2
Immigration	2
Police reform	2
Roads/infrastructure	2
The environment/climate change	2
Transportation	2
Wages/minimum wage increase	2
Anti-Democrats statement	1
Help for small businesses	1
Redistricting/gerrymandering	1
Other	13
Don't know	2
Nothing/refused	3

Q.9 Below is a list of priorities some voters have for their elected officials. Please indicate whether each one would be a top priority, a secondary priority, a small priority, or not a priority at all for you.

	<b>Top priority</b>	<b>Secondary priority</b>	<b>Small priority</b>	<b>Not a priority at all</b>	<b>(Dk/Ref)</b>	<b>Top/ Second priority</b>	<b>Small/ Not a priority</b>	<b>Top/ Second priority - Small/ Not a priority</b>
A. Slowing the spread of the coronavirus and keeping people healthy	73	13	10	3	1	86	13	73
B. Helping small businesses respond to the impacts of the coronavirus	58	30	9	1	2	88	10	78
C. Making health care more affordable and accessible	56	27	12	5	1	83	17	66
D. Funding public education	50	30	13	6	1	80	19	61
E. Re-opening public schools for in-person instruction	35	32	19	11	2	68	30	37
F. Keeping taxes low	53	28	14	6	1	80	19	61
G. Creating good-paying jobs	57	30	10	3	1	87	13	74
H. Reforming police departments and policing practices	36	31	18	14	1	67	32	34
I. Supporting policies that help working people	57	33	8	2	1	90	9	80
J. Protecting the environment and addressing climate change	36	30	22	12	1	66	33	34
K. Protecting and expanding voting rights	45	25	18	10	3	70	28	42
L. Helping to distribute the coronavirus vaccine	67	16	8	6	2	84	14	70
M. Reversing the impacts of systemic racism	48	20	13	17	2	68	30	39

Q.10 Would you say your feelings about how Black people and Black communities are treated in America have changed a lot, changed a little, or not changed at all in the last year or so?

	<b>Total</b>
Changed a lot	23
Changed a little	33
Not changed at all	38
Unsure	6

Q.11 Do you believe the state of Maryland should address economic barriers faced by Black people and the Black community?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes	63
No	21
Unsure	16
<b>Yes - No</b>	<b>43</b>

Q.12 Switching gears a bit -- which of these statements comes closer to your own view, even if neither of them is exactly right?

	<b>Total</b>
State government in Maryland should invest more in the state and its residents, ensuring they are safe, healthy, and economically secure, even if it means corporations and the wealthy have to contribute more in taxes.	64
State government in Maryland should keep taxes low, even if it means cutting funding for education and infrastructure and cutting unemployment insurance and healthcare coverage.	13
Neither	14
Unsure	9
<b>Invest more - Keep taxes low</b>	<b>51</b>

Q.13 And which of these statements comes closer to your own view, even if neither of them is exactly right?

	<b>Total</b>
Because of the impacts of COVID-19, Maryland should invest more resources in supporting families, small businesses, schools, and healthcare systems.	75
Because of the impacts of COVID-19, Maryland must find ways to live within its means, even if that means cutting resources for families, businesses, schools, and healthcare systems.	11
Neither	6
Unsure	8
<b>Invest more - Live within means</b>	<b>64</b>

Q.14 What do you think would be better for working people and working families in Maryland?

	<b>Total</b>
Stricter enforcement of regulations that stop businesses from harming workers, polluting the environment, and taking advantage of consumers.	42
Looser enforcement of regulations that will allow businesses to thrive, pay higher wages, and prevent layoffs.	34
Neither	12
Unsure	12
<b>Stricter - Looser</b>	<b>8</b>

Q.15 What do you think would be better for working people and working families in Maryland?

	<b>Total</b>
Higher taxes on large corporations and the state's wealthiest residents	62
Lower taxes on large corporations and the state's wealthiest residents	13
Neither	18
Unsure	7
<b>Higher - Lower</b>	<b>49</b>

Q.16 What do you think would be better for working people and working families in Maryland?

	<b>Total</b>
Requiring businesses to provide benefits like paid family leave and paid sick leave	69
Fewer mandates on businesses like paid family leave and paid sick leave	16
Neither	7
Unsure	9
<b>Provide benefits - Fewer mandates</b>	<b>53</b>

Q.17 Which of these statements comes closer to your own view, even if neither of them is exactly right?

	<b>Total</b>
Maryland state government should focus on making voting safer and more accessible	53
Maryland state government should focus on stopping voter fraud	33
Neither	10
Unsure	4
<b>Safer voting - Voter fraud</b>	<b>20</b>

Q.18 Which of the following is a bigger problem in Maryland?

	<b>Total</b>
Obstacles that make it hard for people to vote	39
Voter systems that allow people to commit fraud	30
Neither	23
Unsure	8
<b>Obstacles - Fraud</b>	<b>9</b>

Q.19 And do you think it would be a good thing or bad thing for all registered Maryland voters to be automatically mailed vote-by-mail ballots each election?

	<b>Total</b>
Good thing	44
Bad thing	31
Neither/neutral	21
Unsure	4
<b>Good - Bad</b>	<b>13</b>

Q.20 Do you believe the state of Maryland should reduce barriers that stop Black people from voting?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes	71
No	15
Unsure	15
<b>Yes - No</b>	<b>56</b>



Q.21 Please indicate whether you think government should have a major role, some role, a minor role, or no real role in dealing with each of the following issues.

	<b>Major role</b>	<b>Some role</b>	<b>Minor role</b>	<b>No real role</b>	<b>Unsure</b>	<b>Major /Some role</b>	<b>Minor/No real role</b>	<b>Major /Some role - Minor/No real role</b>
A. Ensuring equal pay for equal work	58	25	9	7	1	84	15	68
B. Ensuring families and children have access to food	60	27	9	3	2	87	12	75
C. Ensuring equal access to high-quality K-12 public education	68	22	4	5	1	90	9	81
D. Ensuring access to affordable health care	59	25	9	6	1	84	15	70
E. Ensuring access to affordable child care	44	32	14	9	2	77	22	55
F. Ensuring access to affordable housing	46	32	15	6	2	77	21	56
G. Stopping the spread of the coronavirus	72	15	7	4	1	87	12	76
H. Safely and fairly administering elections	73	20	3	1	2	93	5	89
I. Ensuring workers have access to paid sick days and paid family leave	48	30	12	9	1	78	21	58
J. Reducing income inequality	44	26	12	15	3	70	27	43
K. Acknowledging and addressing systemic racism	52	21	10	15	3	73	25	48

Q.22 Would you say you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, a little concerned, or not at all concerned that Maryland students are losing educational opportunities during the pandemic?

	<b>Total</b>
Very concerned	46
Somewhat concerned	33
A little concerned	13
Not at all concerned	6
Unsure	2
<b>Very/Somewhat concerned</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>A little/Not at all concerned</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Very/Somewhat concerned - A little/Not at all concerned</b>	<b>60</b>

Q.23 And once Maryland students are back in person do you think they will be able to make up education losses with standard instruction, will they need some additional education support such as tutoring or targeted instruction, or will they need significant additional education support such as tutoring or targeted instruction?

	<b>Total</b>
Standard instruction	13
Some additional support	47
Significant additional support	35
Unsure	6

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Q.24 Please indicate if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about a proposal for Maryland to spend more on K-12 education.

	<b>Agree strongly</b>	<b>Agree smwt</b>	<b>Neither agree nor disagree/ no opinion</b>	<b>Disagree smwt</b>	<b>Disagree strongly</b>	<b>Total agree</b>	<b>Total disagree</b>	<b>Total agree - Total disagree</b>
A. Maryland should spend more on K-12 education to ensure teachers' salaries are competitive with other jobs that require similar education and to invest in teachers' professional development.	49	28	12	6	5	<b>77</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>66</b>
B. Maryland should spend more on K-12 education to close opportunity gaps between low-income students and affluent students.	47	25	15	7	6	<b>72</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>59</b>
C. Maryland should spend more on K-12 education to provide more opportunities for students to prepare for careers and participate in educational programs and internships tied to jobs that provide good wages.	52	30	12	4	3	<b>82</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>75</b>
D. Maryland should spend more on K-12 education to ensure universal access to high-quality pre-K for 3 and 4-year-olds.	34	28	24	6	8	<b>62</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>48</b>
E. Maryland already spends enough on K-12 education and should focus new spending on other priorities like health care, transportation, and public safety.	16	20	26	25	13	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>-3</b>

Q.25 Do you believe taxes in Maryland are too high, too low, or about right?

	<b>Total</b>
Too high	58
Too low	3
About right	28
Unsure	11
<b>Too high - Too low</b>	<b>55</b>

Q.26 Do you think each of the following groups of people in Maryland pay too little in state taxes, about the right amount in state taxes, or too much in state taxes?

	Pay too little	Pay about the right amount	Pay too much	Unsure	Too little - Too much
A. Corporations	56	16	10	18	46
B. Small businesses	4	33	38	26	-34
C. Wealthy individuals and families	62	15	12	11	50
D. Middle-class individuals and families	2	33	58	7	-56
E. Low-income individuals and families	8	28	44	21	-36

Q.27 Please indicate if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each of the following proposals that will raise revenue for the state budget in Maryland.

	Support strongly	Support smwt	Oppose smwt	Oppose strongly	Unsure	Total support	Total oppose	Total Support - Total oppose
A. Expand the estate tax to apply to the transfer or inheritance of estates worth at least \$1 million, rather than the current threshold of \$5 million.	25	23	13	25	15	47	38	10
B. Raise income taxes on individuals making at least \$250,000 per year.	37	27	12	19	4	64	32	32
C. Raise income taxes on individuals making at least \$1 million per year.	60	19	7	10	5	79	17	62
D. Close corporate loopholes that allow nationwide retail chains to avoid paying their share of state corporate taxes.	65	19	5	5	7	83	10	73
E. Legalize and tax the sale of adult use of cannabis.	53	22	10	11	5	75	20	55
F. Create a carbon tax paid by companies based on how much carbon they emit.	39	24	10	15	12	64	25	39

	<b>Support strongly</b>	<b>Support smwt</b>	<b>Oppose smwt</b>	<b>Oppose strongly</b>	<b>Unsure</b>	<b>Total support</b>	<b>Total oppose</b>	<b>Total Support - Total oppose</b>
G. Increase the tax on tobacco and vaping products.	60	16	8	13	4	75	20	55
H. Increase the tax on alcohol and use the funds to improve health outcomes for Marylanders.	38	26	15	17	4	64	32	32
I. Apply the existing state sales tax to digital goods like eBooks as well as streaming services like Netflix and Hulu.	11	20	21	35	12	31	57	-26
J. Apply a state tax to multimillion dollar digital advertising campaigns that target Maryland residents on platforms like Facebook and Google.	54	21	6	10	8	76	16	60
K. Raise income taxes on the increasing value of stocks and mutual funds.	12	20	25	28	15	32	53	-21
L. Eliminate income tax loopholes for hedge fund and private equity managers.	56	20	5	7	12	76	12	65

Q.28 Please indicate if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each of the following proposals that will raise revenue for the state budget in Maryland.

	<b>Much more</b>	<b>Smwt more</b>	<b>Smwt less</b>	<b>Much less</b>	<b>Neither more nor less</b>	<b>Unsure</b>	<b>Total More</b>	<b>Total Less</b>	<b>Total More - Total Less</b>
A. We need more revenue in Maryland to fund COVID-19 relief for small businesses and workers who have lost income.	49	30	8	6	4	4	<b>79</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>66</b>
B. We need more revenue in Maryland to fund a COVID-19 response that will open schools and deliver vaccines to the public.	45	24	10	11	6	5	<b>68</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>48</b>
C. We need more revenue in Maryland to fully, equitably, and adequately fund our public schools.	41	29	8	13	4	5	<b>70</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>50</b>
D. Raising revenues will expand access to affordable health care for Maryland families and small businesses.	37	27	9	12	5	10	<b>64</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>42</b>
E. The wealthiest individuals and families should pay their fair share in taxes like the rest of us.	63	16	4	7	6	3	<b>79</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>67</b>
F. Big corporations should not be able to take advantage of loopholes that allow them to avoid paying their fair share in taxes.	65	16	5	6	4	5	<b>80</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>70</b>

Q.29 Which of the following transportation initiatives do you believe is a better investment for Maryland's growth?

	<b>Total</b>
Funding the improvement of buses, trains, bike lanes, and pedestrian infrastructure	18
Funding the widening of roads and accommodation of increased car traffic	21
Both should be funded equally	51
Neither should be funded	6
Unsure	4
<b>Public transport – Widening roads</b>	<b>-3</b>

Q.30 Do you agree or disagree that investing in cleaner, more affordable forms of transportation like buses, trains, biking, and walking to make them safe, reliable, and efficient is the right direction for Maryland?

	<b>Total</b>
Agree strongly	38
Agree somewhat	29
Neither agree nor disagree/no opinion	19
Disagree somewhat	8
Disagree strongly	5
<b>Total agree</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Total disagree</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total agree - Total disagree</b>	<b>54</b>

Q.31 Do you agree or disagree that the Maryland General Assembly and other policy makers should take climate change into account when deciding how to vote on issues such as energy policy and economic development?

	<b>Total</b>
Agree strongly	43
Agree somewhat	23
Neither agree nor disagree/no opinion	13
Disagree somewhat	8
Disagree strongly	13
<b>Total agree</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Total disagree</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Total agree - Total disagree</b>	<b>45</b>

Q.32 Would you say you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, a little concerned, or not at all concerned about global climate change?

	<b>Total</b>
Very concerned	40
Somewhat concerned	25
A little concerned	15
Not at all concerned	19
Unsure	1
<b>Very/Somewhat concerned</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>A little/Not at all concerned</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Very/Somewhat concerned - A little/Not at all concerned</b>	<b>30</b>

Q.33 Do you support or oppose the Maryland General Assembly passing major legislation to achieve significant reductions in carbon emissions?

	<b>Total</b>
Support strongly	39
Support somewhat	20
Neither support nor oppose/no opinion	19
Oppose somewhat	9
Oppose strongly	12
<b>Total support</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Total oppose</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total Support - Total oppose</b>	<b>38</b>



Q.34 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

	<b>Total</b>
Strong Democrat	27
Weak Democrat	15
Independent-lean Democrat	9
Independent	21
Independent-lean Republican	6
Weak Republican	8
Strong Republican	13
(Don't know/refused)	1
<b>Democrat</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Independent with Leaners</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Republican</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Democrat - Republican</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Democrat and Ind. Lean Dem</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Pure Independent</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Republican and Ind. Lean Rep</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Democrat and Ind. Lean Dem - Republican and Ind. Lean Rep</b>	<b>24</b>

Party Registration

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat	55
Unaffiliated	20
Republican	25

Q.37 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are:

	<b>Total</b>
Liberal	23
Moderate	42
Conservative	25
Unsure	9

Q.38 Please enter the year you were born.

	<b>Total</b>
18-29	14
30-39	22
40-49	15
50-64	27
65+	21
(Don't know/refused)	0

Q.39 Please select your gender.

	<b>Total</b>
Male	46
Female	53
Prefer to self-describe	1

Q.40 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	<b>Total</b>
1 - 11th grade	0
High school graduate	12
Non-college post H.S.	3
Some college	29
College graduate	27
Post-graduate school	28
(Don't know/refused)	2
<b>H.S. or less</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Post H.S.</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>College Graduate</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Not College</b>	<b>44</b>

Q.41 And aside from accessing the Internet on a mobile device, do you have reliable, high-speed internet in your home?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes	92
No	6
Prefer not to answer	3
<b>Yes - No</b>	<b>86</b>

Q.42 Please indicate how frequently you attend religious services at a church, synagogue, or mosque:

	<b>Total</b>
Multiple times a week	6
About once a week	18
A few times a month	6
About once a month	3
A few times a year	14
About once a year	4
Less than once a year	11
Never	26
Prefer not to answer	13
<b>Weekly</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Monthly</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Yearly</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Rarely/Never</b>	<b>37</b>

Q.43 What is your race?

	<b>Total</b>
White/Caucasian	52
Black/African American	25
Hispanic/Latino/Latina	4
Asian/Pacific Islander	6
Native American	0
Other	2
Prefer not to answer	11
<b>POC</b>	<b>37</b>

Q.44 Are you a current or retired member of a labor union?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes; respondent belongs	10
Yes; household member	7
No member belongs	77
(Don't know/refused)	6
<b>Total Union household</b>	<b>17</b>

Q.45 What is your marital status?

	<b>Total</b>
Married	50
Single	30
Separated/divorced	11
Widowed	4
Prefer not to answer	5
<b>Total not married</b>	<b>45</b>

Q.46 Do you have any children under the age of 18 that live either half-time or full-time in your household?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes	30
No	65
Prefer not to answer	5

**(Effective Base: 181)**

Q.47 (IF YES IN Q.46) And do any of your children attend public schools in Maryland?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes	72
No	27
Prefer not to answer	1
<b>Yes - No</b>	<b>45</b>

Mode

	<b>Total</b>
Email to web	35
Web Panel	28
SMS to web	38

## Survey Methodology

TargetSmart designed and administered this multimodal survey. One hundred and ninety-three interviews were conducted online among panelists who were matched to the TargetSmart voter file (167 weighted), and 422 interviews were conducted online using text-to-web and email-to-web (237 email, 185 SMS) solicits from the TargetSmart voter file (433 weighted). In total, the survey reached 615 adults (600 weighted), age 18 or older, who are registered to vote in Maryland.

Quotas were designed to reflect the demographic and geographic distribution of registered voters in Maryland. The data were weighted by gender, age, race from file, party registration, TargetSmart Midterm General Election Turnout Score, TargetSmart High School Only Score, and region by county to ensure an accurate reflection of the population.

The credibility interval (the theoretical margin of error for a blended-methodology poll that relies partially on telephone-based probability sampling, and partially on non-probability based online panel sampling) is +/- 4.0%. The margin of error for subgroups is larger and varies. Percentage totals may not add up precisely due to rounding.