# Presentation on Statewide Pennsylvania Issues Poll 

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## Survey Methodology



TargetSmart designed and administered this multi-modal survey. The survey reached 1,348 adults (1,000 weighted), age 18 or older, who indicated they were registered to vote in in Pennsylvania. The survey was conducted from June 2 to 7,2021 . The sample was randomly selected from TargetSmart's enhanced voter file.

Six-hundred respondents ( 534 weighted) were reached via phone interviews, 79 respondents ( 53 weighted) completed the survey online and were reached via an email invite, and 669 ( 414 weighted) were recruited from Dynata's web panel and matched to TargetSmart's voter file. Sixty-eight percent of live phone respondents were reached on a wireless phone (77 percent weighted). Quotas were assigned to reflect the demographic distribution of registered Pennsylvania voters. The data were weighted by gender, age, race from file, party registration, TargetSmart Off Year General Election Turnout Score, TargetSmart High School Only Score, region by county, and asked 2020 presidential vote to ensure an accurate reflection of the population.

The overall 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) associated with this data is $+/-3.1 \%$. The credibility interval for subgroups is larger and varies. Percentage totals may not add up precisely due to rounding.

## Key Takeaways



Large majority of Pennsylvanians, including half Republicans, say the state should prioritize investing in people over austerity.

Only Republicans were more likely than not to say they found an argument that the state should prioritize keeping taxes low convincing.


In an open-ended exercise, respondents said American Rescue Plan funds should go to people hurt by the pandemic.
In a closed exercise, all investment proposals other than expanding unemployment insurance received more support than paying down the deficit.


Pennsylvanians are supportive of pro-democracy, voting rights reforms and skeptical of GOP proposals to limit access to the ballot.

- 8-in-10 support counting all ballots postmarked before election day.
- A large majority oppose ending mail-in and early voting.


## General Environment

## Pennsylvanians divided on direction of state

State Direction


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## Partisans split on direction of the state

State Direction by Key Demographics

|  | Right direction | Wrong track | Don't know/refused |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $40 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $65 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| ID independent | $40 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $15 \%$ | $79 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Men | $41 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Women | $40 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $41 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Age $50+$ | $40 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| White | $40 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| People of color | $47 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $-9 \%$ |
| College graduate | $49 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $-64 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $33 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $-9 \%$ |

## Western Pennsylvania pessimistic on state direction

State Direction by Region

|  | Right direction | Wrong track | (Don't know/refused) | Right direction - <br> Wrong track |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $40 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $-9 \%$ |
| Allegheny | $49 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Collar Counties | $48 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| East Central | $31 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $-28 \%$ |
| Lehigh Valley and Berks | $37 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $-5 \%$ |
| Northwest | $29 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $-34 \%$ |
| Philadelphia | $56 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Rural Northeast | $39 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $-9 \%$ |
| Southwest | $37 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $-21 \%$ |
| Urban Northeast | $28 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $-31 \%$ |
| West Central | $32 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $-32 \%$ |

# Almost 1-in-3 lost a job or had reduced hours due to pandemic, 1 -in- 5 report contracting the virus 

Pandemic Situations - Most Frequent



[^1]
# Fewer Pennsylvanians experienced issues with health insurance, rent, food, or housing 

Pandemic Situations - Less Frequent


Q. 9 Next, I am now going to read you a few situations some Pennsylvanians have found themselves in due to the pandemic.

Please tell me whether you or someone in your household has experienced each of the following over the past year

## Younger Pennsylvanians more likely to have lost work due to pandemic, little education split

Most Frequent Pandemic Situations by Key Demographics

|  | Lost job, had reauced | COVID-19 diagnosis | Received food assistance | Used Medicaid |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 31\% | 17\% | 15\% | 15\% |
| ID Democrat | 35\% | 16\% | 17\% | 18\% |
| ID independent | 28\% | 17\% | 12\% | 12\% |
| ID Republican | 28\% | 19\% | 13\% | 11\% |
| Men | 27\% | 17\% | 9\% | 9\% |
| Women | 35\% | 17\% | 21\% | 20\% |
| Age 18 to 49 | 42\% | 23\% | 15\% | 17\% |
| Age 50+ | 22\% | 12\% | 15\% | 13\% |
| White | 30\% | 17\% | 14\% | 14\% |
| People of color | 36\% | 18\% | 21\% | 20\% |
| College graduate | 32\% | 19\% | 9\% | 13\% |
| Non-college graduate | 31\% | 16\% | 20\% | 17\% |

## Philadelphia, urban areas hit hardest by job losses

Most Frequent Pandemic Situations by Region

|  | Lost job, had reduced wages | COVID-19 diagnosis | Received food assistance | Used Medicaid |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 31\% | 17\% | 15\% | 15\% |
| Allegheny | 34\% | 21\% | 15\% | 16\% |
| Collar Counties | 31\% | 16\% | 8\% | 9\% |
| East Central | 22\% | 14\% | 11\% | 8\% |
| Lehigh Valley and Rerks | 38\% | 16\% | 11\% | 13\% |
| Northwest | 27\% | 20\% | 18\% | 22\% |
| Philadelphia | 41\% | 21\% | 29\% | 29\% |
| Rural Northeast | 31\% | 15\% | 16\% | 7\% |
| Southwest | 28\% | 18\% | 13\% | 15\% |
| Urban Northeast | 39\% | 19\% | 16\% | 16\% |
| West Central | 25\% | 13\% | 19\% | 18\% |

## Pocketbook issues and democracy top concerns

Biggest Policy Issue for Pennsylvania General Assembly


## Voting and pocketbook concerns most important to Pennsylvania voters



## Economic concerns transcend party lines

Top Issues by Party ID


Democrats

- 15\% Economy
- $15 \%$ Voting rights
- 8\% Education


Independents

- 15\% Economy
- 15\% Voting rights
- 15\% Legalize marijuana


Republicans

- 22\% Economy
- 14\% Voting rights
- 12\% Lower taxes


## Nearly 6-in-10 Pennsylvania voters choose investment while just over 1-in-5 choose low taxes



## Invest in People

State government in Pennsylvania should invest more in the state and its residents, ensuring they are safe, healthy, and economically secure, even if it means the wealthy and large corporations have to contribute more in taxes


Keep Taxes Low
State government in Pennsylvania should keep taxes low, even if it means cutting funding for education and infrastructure, and cutting unemployment insurance and healthcare coverage.

## Investment paradigm wedges away 1-in-3 GOP voters and is popular among women, people of color

Attitudes Towards State Budget by Key Demographics

| Invest in People | Keep Taxes Low |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $57 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $80 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| ID independent | $47 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $34 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| Men | $52 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Women | $61 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $58 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $56 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| White | $56 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| People of color | $65 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| College graduate | $61 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $53 \%$ | $24 \%$ |

# Attitudes Towards American Rescue Plan 

## 1-in-4 want ARP funds to go to people in need

Uses for American Rescue Plan Funds

Q. 10 As you may know, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Congress passed, and President Biden signed into law, the American Rescue Plan. The state of Pennsylvania has received seven point four billion dollars in federal funding as part of the American Rescue Plan. In your own words, how do you think the state of Pennsylvania should use this federal funding?

Infrastructure, small business support, education, jobs, food, and health care all resonate in open end on ARP funds

## Cross-partisan support for spending ARP funds on people in need

## Uses for American Rescue Plan Funds by Party ID



Democrats

- $28 \%$ Give it to low income/ unemployed/poor/people in need
- 17\% Education
- 17\% Rent relief/affordable housing


Independents

- $25 \%$ Give it to low income/ unemployed/poor/people in need
- 19\% Education
- 19\% Restore the state's economy/jobs/businesses

- $24 \%$ Give it to low income/unemployed/poor/people in need
- 13\% Small business/ restaurants/hospitality industry
- $13 \%$ Restore the state's economy/ jobs/businesses


# Young people, people of color more likely to say funds should go to education 

Uses for American Rescue Plan Funds by Key Demographics

- Age 18-49

28\% People in need
18\% Education
14\% Economy/business

- Age 50+

24\% People in need
16\% Economy/business
13\% Infrastructure

- White

26\% People in need
13\% Economy/businesses
13\% Small business/restaurants

- POC

28\% People in need
26\% Education
21\% Economy/business

## Businesses, infrastructure are top concerns across state

## Uses for American Rescue Plan Funds by Region

- Allegheny

25\% People in need
18\% Economy/business

- Collar Counties

26\% People in need
16\% Education

- East Central

20\% People in need
13\% Infrastructure
13\% Economy/business

- Lehigh Valley and Berks

20\% Economy/business
19\% Education

- Northwest

20\% Small businesses/restaurants
19\% People in need

- Philadelphia

39\% People in need
19\% Economy/business
19\% Education

- Rural Northeast
$23 \%$ People in need
$13 \%$ Rent relief/affordable housing
- Southwest

27\% People in need
15\% Economy/business

- Urban Northeast
$22 \%$ People in need
21\% Infrastructure
- West Central
$37 \%$ People in need
17\% Small businesses/restaurants


# By a 3-to-1 margin, Pennsylvanians want ARP funds to be invested rather than used to pay down deficit 

INVEST: Invest in helping Pennsylvania families and businesses recover from the pandemic.<br>\section*{VS.}<br>DEFICIT: Pay down budget deficits to keep<br>Pennsylvania's economy competitive.

Initial Ask: Invest vs. Deficit


## Majority strongly support investment over austerity in informed ask




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# Nearly half of GOP partisans prefer investment over deficit pay-down 

American Rescue Plan Fund Use by Key Demographics

Informed
Initial

|  | Invest | Deficit | Invest - Deficit |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $62 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $75 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $66 \%$ |
| ID independent | $51 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $49 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Men | $57 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| Women | $66 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $51 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $65 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $45 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $59 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| White | $61 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| People of color | $67 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $50 \%$ |
| College graduate | $65 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $59 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $40 \%$ |

Informed

| Invest | Deficit | Invest - Deficit | Net |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 64\% | 20\% | 44\% | 2\% |
| 81\% | 7\% | 74\% | 8\% |
| 55\% | 18\% | 37\% | 3\% |
| 48\% | 35\% | 13\% | -3\% |
| 62\% | 25\% | 37\% | 6\% |
| 66\% | 16\% | 50\% | -1\% |
| 69\% | 18\% | 51\% | 6\% |
| 59\% | 22\% | 37\% | -2\% |
| 63\% | 21\% | 42\% | 1\% |
| 74\% | 14\% | 61\% | 11\% |
| 70\% | 18\% | 52\% | 9\% |
| 58\% | 22\% | 37\% | -3\% |

## Voters in every corner of the state prefer investment of ARP funds

American Rescue Plan Fund Use by Region

|  | Initial |  |  | Informed |  |  | Informed - Initial |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Invest | Deficit | Invest - Deficit | Invest | Deficit | Invest - Deficit | Net |
| Total | 62\% | 20\% | 42\% | 64\% | 20\% | 44\% | 2\% |
| Allegheny | 63\% | 16\% | 47\% | 72\% | 13\% | 59\% | 12\% |
| Collar Counties | 69\% | 15\% | 54\% | 72\% | 16\% | 56\% | 3\% |
| East Central | 50\% | 29\% | 21\% | 54\% | 28\% | 26\% | 5\% |
| Lehigh Valley and Berks | 56\% | 26\% | 30\% | 59\% | 27\% | 31\% | 1\% |
| Northwest | 40\% | 32\% | 8\% | 46\% | 34\% | 12\% | 4\% |
| Philadelphia | 80\% | 9\% | 71\% | 82\% | 10\% | 72\% | 2\% |
| Rural Northeast | 58\% | 24\% | 35\% | 60\% | 25\% | 35\% | 1\% |
| Southwest | 60\% | 23\% | 38\% | 59\% | 25\% | 34\% | -4\% |
| Urban Northeast | 60\% | 19\% | 41\% | 60\% | 23\% | 37\% | -4\% |
| West Central | 62\% | 19\% | 43\% | 55\% | 15\% | 39\% | -4\% |

## Message on hardest hit communities resonates with 6 -in-10 Pennsylvania voters

HARDEST HIT: This pandemic hit Pennsylvanians hard, and the American Rescue Plan will ensure that the hardest hit communities in Pennsylvania can get back on their feet by funding unemployment insurance, health care, public education, and housing.

Q. 13 Now I am going to read you a few arguments that some policy makers have made about using American Rescue Plan funds. Please tell me whether you find each argument to be very convincing, somewhat convincing, a little convincing, or not at all convincing.

## Inequality messaging resonates with intensity among more than a third of PA voters

INEQUALITY: The pandemic made inequality in America much worse as the wealthiest people and big corporations made billions in profits while millions of out-of-work Americans could not afford basic needs like food and housing. American Rescue Plan investments in Pennsylvania provide an opportunity to hit the reset button on our unequal and out-of balance economy by investing in services we all need like health care, child
care, and aid to families and small businesses.


## Public services messaging has a little less sway than inequality message

PUBLIC SERVICES: After Pennsylvania lawmakers slashed funding for vital public services like education, health care, and child care to pay for tax cuts for the wealthiest people and big corporations, American Rescue Plan investments in Pennsylvania provide an opportunity to change course by fully funding education, health care, and child care, prioritizing long neglected communities of color, and rebuilding the foundation for a stronger, more resilient future with opportunity for all Pennsylvanians.


## Some intensity behind austerity framing for ARP funds, but also significant blow-back

TIGHTEN BELTS: The pandemic hit all Pennsylvanians hard, but we cannot afford to let the federal government try to spend our way out of this crisis. We need to tighten our belts and live within our means.

Pennsylvania thrives when our taxes are low, and everyone is incentivized to work.

Q. 13 Now I am going to read you a few arguments that some policy makers have made about using American Rescue Plan funds. Please tell me whether you find each argument to be very convincing, somewhat convincing, a little convincing, or not at all convincing.

## Democrats most responsive to inequality framing

\% Very Convincing by Key Demographics

|  | Inequality | Tighten Belts | Hardest Hit | Public Services |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 35\% | 33\% | 25\% | 25\% |
| ID Democrat | 54\% | 15\% | 38\% | 42\% |
| ID independent | 25\% | 32\% | 22\% | 17\% |
| ID Republican | 17\% | 53\% | 11\% | 10\% |
| Men | 31\% | 34\% | 22\% | 23\% |
| Women | 39\% | 31\% | 28\% | 28\% |
| Age 18 to 49 | 34\% | 31\% | 23\% | 23\% |
| Age 50+ | 37\% | 34\% | 27\% | 28\% |
| White | 34\% | 33\% | 22\% | 26\% |
| People of color | 43\% | 28\% | 41\% | 27\% |
| College educated | 36\% | 28\% | 24\% | 28\% |
| Non-college graduate | 35\% | 38\% | 26\% | 23\% |

## Overwhelming support for several proposals to invest ARP funds

Proposals for American Rescue Plan Funds - \% Total Support


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## Expanding unemployment benefits, paying down deficit least popular proposals

Proposals for American Rescue Plan Funds - \% Total Support


[^4]
## Small business loans receives overwhelming support

Fund low-interest loans for small businesses.

Q. 12 OK, now I am going to ask you about several ways the state of Pennsylvania can use the federal funding from the American Rescue Plan. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each of these proposals for using American Rescue Plan funding.

## 8-in-10 Republicans support small business loans

Low-Interest Loans for Small Businesses by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $86 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $89 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| ID independent | $87 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $83 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Men | $85 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Women | $87 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $88 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $85 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| White | $86 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| People of color | $89 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| College graduate | $87 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $86 \%$ | $9 \%$ |

## Majority strongly support proposal to fund food assistance

Fund food assistance for families in need.

Q. 12 OK, now I am going to ask you about several ways the state of Pennsylvania can use the federal funding from the American Rescue Plan. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each of these proposals for using American Rescue Plan funding.

## 3-in-4 of Republicans support food assistance proposal

Food Assistance by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $85 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $94 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| ID independent | $84 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $77 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Men | $82 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Women | $89 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $87 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $84 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| White | $85 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| People of color | $90 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| College graduate | $88 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $83 \%$ | $14 \%$ |

## Nearly half strongly support proposal to address homelessness

Fund measures to end homelessness.

Q. 12 OK, now I am going to ask you about several ways the state of Pennsylvania can use the federal funding from the American Rescue Plan. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each of these proposals for using American Rescue Plan funding.

## 2-in-3 Republicans support homelessness proposals

Measure to End Homelessness by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $78 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $90 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| ID independent | $68 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $69 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Men | $72 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Women | $84 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $80 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $77 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| White | $77 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| People of color | $88 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| College graduate | $77 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $80 \%$ | $15 \%$ |

## 3-in-4 support providing hazard pay to front-line workers

Provide hazard pay to front-line workers during the pandemic.

Q. 12 OK, now I am going to ask you about several ways the state of Pennsylvania can use the federal funding from the American Rescue Plan. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each of these proposals for using American Rescue Plan funding.

## 4-in-5 younger respondents support providing hazard pay to front-line workers

Hazard Pay for Front-Line Workers by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $77 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $88 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| ID independent | $69 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $66 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| Men | $74 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Women | $79 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $80 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $74 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| White | $76 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| People of color | $85 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| College graduate | $77 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $76 \%$ | $20 \%$ |

## 3-in-4 support creating a paid leave insurance plan

Create a paid family and medical leave insurance plan that will provide paid leave to workers to care for a sick family member, bond with a new baby, or recover from a major illness or injury.

Q. 12 OK, now I am going to ask you about several ways the state of Pennsylvania can use the federal funding from the American Rescue Plan. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each of these proposals for using American Rescue Plan funding.

## Bipartisan support for paid family/medical leave program

Family/Medical Leave by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $75 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $88 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| ID independent | $69 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $64 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Men | $70 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Women | $81 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $80 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $71 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| White | $75 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| People of color | $84 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| College graduate | $75 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $76 \%$ | $19 \%$ |

## Nearly 3-in-4 support funding affordable housing

## Fund quality affordable housing.


Q. 12 OK, now I am going to ask you about several ways the state of Pennsylvania can use the federal funding from the American Rescue Plan. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each of these proposals for using American Rescue Plan funding.

## Democrats, POC, and women most likely to support proposal to affordable housing, majority of Republicans also support the proposal

Quality Affordable Housing by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $72 \%$ |  |
| ID Democrat | $90 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| ID independent | $62 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $55 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Men | $66 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Women | $77 \%$ |  |
| Age 18-49 | $74 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $70 \%$ |  |
| White | $70 \%$ |  |
| People of color | $86 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| College graduate | $73 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $70 \%$ | $25 \%$ |

## 7-in-10 support investing in low income communities hit hard by the pandemic

Fund investments in low-income White, Black, and Brown communities hit hardest by the pandemic.

Q. 12 OK, now I am going to ask you about several ways the state of Pennsylvania can use the federal funding from the American Rescue Plan. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each of these proposals for using American Rescue Plan funding.

## Majority of Republicans support investing in low-income communities

Invest in Communities Hit Hard by COVID by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $72 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $87 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| ID independent | $77 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $55 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Men | $70 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Women | $73 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $74 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $70 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| White | $70 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| People of color | $90 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| College graduate | $74 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $70 \%$ | $23 \%$ |

## Nearly 3-in-4 support expanding Medicaid

Expand the number of people who can get health care through Medicaid to cover more uninsured people who otherwise can't afford healthcare coverage.

Q. 12 OK, now I am going to ask you about several ways the state of Pennsylvania can use the federal funding from the American Rescue Plan. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each of these proposals for using American Rescue Plan funding.

## Majority of Republicans, 9-in-10 Democrats support expanding Medicaid

Expand Medicaid by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $71 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $89 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| ID independent | $63 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $53 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| Men | $67 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Women | $74 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $71 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $70 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| White | $69 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| People of color | $84 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| College graduate | $71 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $70 \%$ | $24 \%$ |

## 7-in-10 support grants to offset taxes for low-income workers

Provide grants to offset taxes for working people with low incomes.

Q. 12 OK, now I am going to ask you about several ways the state of Pennsylvania can use the federal funding from the American Rescue Plan. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each of these proposals for using American Rescue Plan funding.

## Grants for working people proposal divides Republicans

Grants to Offset Taxes for Working People with Low Incomes by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $69 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $84 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| ID independent | $65 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $53 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Men | $64 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Women | $73 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $69 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $68 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| White | $68 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| People of color | $80 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| College graduate | $66 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $71 \%$ | $25 \%$ |

## 2-in-3 support establishing a public health insurance option

Establish a public option for health insurance in Pennsy/vania's health insurance exchange.

Q. 12 OK, now I am going to ask you about several ways the state of Pennsylvania can use the federal funding from the American Rescue Plan. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each of these proposals for using American Rescue Plan funding.

## Democrats and independents generally support public option

Public Option for Health Insurance by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $66 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $87 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| ID independent | $61 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $46 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Men | $61 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| Women | $71 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $68 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $65 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| White | $65 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| People of color | $81 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| College graduate | $68 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $65 \%$ | $25 \%$ |

## Nearly 2-in-3 support addressing inequality in education

Reduce economic and racial inequality in the funding of Pennsylvania public schools.

Q. 12 OK, now I am going to ask you about several ways the state of Pennsylvania can use the federal funding from the American Rescue Plan. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each of these proposals for using American Rescue Plan funding.

## Partisan split on support for addressing education inequality

Reduce Inequality in School Funding by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $64 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $87 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| ID independent | $60 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $41 \%$ | $50 \%$ |
| Men | $60 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| Women | $68 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $66 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $63 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| White | $63 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| People of color | $77 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| College graduate | $67 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $61 \%$ | $30 \%$ |

Attitudes Towards Democracy
and Election Administration

## 6-in-10 believe 2020 elections administered well



## Large partisan split on election administration beliefs

Election Administration by Key Demographics

|  | \% Very/Somewhat well | \% Not too/Not at all well |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $59 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $91 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| ID independent | $55 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $24 \%$ | $73 \%$ |
| Men | $58 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| Women | $59 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $59 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $58 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| White | $56 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| People of color | $74 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| College graduate | $67 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $50 \%$ | $47 \%$ |

## Western portion of the state has the most doubts about election administration

Election Administration by Region

|  | \% Very/Somewhat well | \% Not too/Not at all well |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $59 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| Allegheny | $66 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Collar Counties | $70 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| East Central | $52 \%$ | $47 \%$ |
| Lehigh Valley and Berks | $54 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Northwest | $36 \%$ | $62 \%$ |
| Philadelphia | $82 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Rural Northeast | $51 \%$ | $47 \%$ |
| Southwest | $45 \%$ | $53 \%$ |
| Urban Northeast | $54 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| West Central | $41 \%$ | $55 \%$ |

## Most believe elections were conducted fairly, but substantial minority disagree


Q. 20 And do you agree or disagree that last November's elections in Pennsylvania were conducted fairly?

## Racial and partisan divides on fair election beliefs

Elections Conducted Fairly by Key Demographics

|  | \% Agree | \% Disagree |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $59 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $92 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| ID independent | $54 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $25 \%$ | $73 \%$ |
| Men | $58 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Women | $60 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $58 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $60 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| White | $57 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| People of color | $77 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| College graduate | $67 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $52 \%$ | $45 \%$ |

## Philadelphia, Collar Counties most confident in fairly conducted elections

Elections Conducted Fairly by Region

|  | \% Agree | \% Disagree |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $59 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Allegheny | $67 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Collar Counties | $72 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| East Central | $49 \%$ | $49 \%$ |
| Lehigh Valley and Berks | $59 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| Northwest | $39 \%$ | $59 \%$ |
| Philadelphia | $77 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Rural Northeast | $55 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Southwest | $46 \%$ | $51 \%$ |
| Urban Northeast | $53 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| West Central | $42 \%$ | $56 \%$ |

## Tremendous support for counting mail ballots post-marked by E-Day and more funding for county BOEs

## Most Popular Election Administration Proposals - \% Total Support



Require that any mail-in ballot postmarked by Election Day be counted.
58\% Strongly support


Provide additional state funding to county boards of elections, so they do not need to rely on third-party funding to perform basic election operations. (SPLIT)

41\% Strongly support

## 61\%

Provide additional state funding to county boards of elections. (SPLIT)

26\% Strongly support

## While common conservative proposals remain unpopular

Least Popular Election Administration Proposals - \% Total Oppose



Ban early voting as an option for Pennsylvania voters.

45\% Strongly oppose


Eliminate the option for voters to return mail-in ballots at a drop box.

47\% Strongly oppose


Eliminate vote by mail as an option for Pennsylvania voters.

49\% Strongly oppose

## 69\%

Eliminate the option for voters to vote in-person at satellite voting locations throughout their county.

55\% Strongly oppose

## 3-in-4 support increasing board of elections funding when given information on their needs

Provide additional state funding to county boards of elections, so they do not need to rely on third-party funding to perform basic election operations. (SPLIT)

Q. 21 OK now I'm going to read you some proposals concerning the administration of elections
in Pennsylvania, and I'd like you to tell me if you support or oppose each proposal.

## Strong support across demographic groups for board of election funding to reduce reliance on 3rd parties

Provide Additional Funding to County Boards of Elections to Reduce Reliance on Third-Party Funding by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $77 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $81 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| ID independent | $72 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $74 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Men | $83 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Women | $71 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $78 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $76 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| White | $77 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| People of color | $78 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| College graduate | $80 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $74 \%$ | $18 \%$ |

## 3-in-5 support board of elections funding

Provide additional state funding to county boards of elections. (SPLIT)

Q. 21 OK now I'm going to read you some proposals concerning the administration of elections in Pennsylvania, and I'd like you to tell me if you support or oppose each proposal.

# Without information about reliance on 3rd-parties, partisans divide on board of election funding 

Provide Additional Funding to County Boards of Elections by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $61 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $75 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| ID independent | $52 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $49 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Men | $61 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Women | $61 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $61 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $60 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| White | $61 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| People of color | $67 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| College graduate | $66 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $57 \%$ | $32 \%$ |

## 8 -in-10 support requiring that all mail-in ballots sent before Election Day be counted

Require that any mail-in ballot postmarked by Election Day be counted.

Q. 21 OK now I'm going to read you some proposals concerning the administration of elections in Pennsy/vania, and I'd like you to tell me if you support or oppose each proposal.

## More than 2-in-3 Republicans support counting all mail-in ballots

Require that any Mail-in Ballot Postmarked by Election Day be Counted by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $79 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $91 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| ID independent | $71 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $69 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Men | $77 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Women | $81 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $79 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $79 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| White | $84 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| People of color | $81 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| College graduate | $78 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate |  | $18 \%$ |

## Broad opposition to eliminating mail-in ballot drop boxes

Eliminate the option for voters to return mail-in ballots at a drop box.

Q. 21 OK now I'm going to read you some proposals concerning the administration of elections in Pennsy/vania, and I'd like you to tell me if you support or oppose each proposal.

## Partisan split, but barely half of Republicans support eliminating drop boxes

Eliminate Drop Boxes by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $36 \%$ | $60 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $19 \%$ | $78 \%$ |
| ID independent | $37 \%$ | $57 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $54 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| Men | $38 \%$ | $58 \%$ |
| Women | $35 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $36 \%$ | $59 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $36 \%$ | $60 \%$ |
| White | $36 \%$ | $60 \%$ |
| People of color | $33 \%$ | $66 \%$ |
| College graduate | $39 \%$ | $64 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate |  | $56 \%$ |

## Majority strongly oppose eliminating satellite locations

Eliminate the option for voters to vote in-person at satellite voting locations throughout their county.

Q. 21 OK now I'm going to read you some proposals concerning the administration of elections in Pennsylvania, and I'd like you to tell me if you support or oppose each proposal.

## Bipartisan and cross-demographic opposition to eliminating satellite voting locations

Eliminate Satellite Voting Locations by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $24 \%$ | $69 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $17 \%$ | $77 \%$ |
| ID independent | $24 \%$ | $64 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $31 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| Men | $24 \%$ | $69 \%$ |
| Women | $24 \%$ | $69 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $19 \%$ | $74 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $28 \%$ | $64 \%$ |
| White | $23 \%$ | $69 \%$ |
| People of color | $24 \%$ | $71 \%$ |
| College graduate | $18 \%$ | $75 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $29 \%$ | $64 \%$ |

## Most want to keep mail in voting as an option for Pennsylvania voters

Eliminate vote by mail as an option for Pennsylvania voters.

Q. 21 OK now I'm going to read you some proposals concerning the administration of elections in Pennsylvania, and I'd like you to tell me if you support or oppose each proposal.

## 6-in-10 Republicans support eliminating mail-in voting but 6-in-10 independents oppose

Eliminate Vote by Mail by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $36 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $11 \%$ | $87 \%$ |
| ID independent | $39 \%$ | $57 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $62 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| Men | $38 \%$ | $59 \%$ |
| Women | $34 \%$ | $63 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $37 \%$ | $60 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $35 \%$ | $62 \%$ |
| White | $37 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| People of color | $29 \%$ | $69 \%$ |
| College graduate | $30 \%$ | $69 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate | $42 \%$ | $55 \%$ |

## Most oppose banning early voting in Pennsylvania

Ban early voting as an option for Pennsylvania voters.

Q. 21 OK now I'm going to read you some proposals concerning the administration of elections in Pennsylvania, and I'd like you to tell me if you support or oppose each proposal.

## Big partisan split on eliminating early voting in Pennsylvania

Ban Early Voting by Key Demographics

|  | \% Support | \% Oppose |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $38 \%$ | $58 \%$ |
| ID Democrat | $21 \%$ | $77 \%$ |
| ID independent | $32 \%$ | $62 \%$ |
| ID Republican | $59 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| Men | $40 \%$ | $57 \%$ |
| Women | $36 \%$ | $60 \%$ |
| Age 18 to 49 | $37 \%$ | $60 \%$ |
| Age 50+ | $39 \%$ | $56 \%$ |
| White | $37 \%$ | $59 \%$ |
| People of color | $33 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| College graduate | $43 \%$ | $64 \%$ |
| Non-college graduate |  | $53 \%$ |

## Questions?



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[^0]:    Q. 5 Generally speaking, do you think that things in Pennsylvania are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

[^1]:    Q. 9 Next, I am now going to read you a few situations some Pennsylvanians have found themselves in due to the pandemic. Please tell me whether you or someone in your household has experienced each of the following over the past year

[^2]:    Q. 14 After hearing some more information about the American Rescue Plan, let me ask you again, would you prefer the state of Pennsylvania use American Rescue Plan funds to...

[^3]:    Q. 12 OK, now I am going to ask you about several ways the state of Pennsylvania can use the federal funding from the American Rescue Plan. Please tell me whether you support or oppose each of these proposals for using American Rescue Plan funding.

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