

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone September 21-26, 2020, among a random sample of 808 adults in Pennsylvania, including subsamples of registered voters and likely voters. Overall, 63 percent of respondents were reached on cellphones and 37 percent on landlines. Sampling, field work and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, MD.

	Unweighted sample size	Error margin*
Pennsylvania registered voters	702	4.5
Pennsylvania likely voters	567	5

*All error margins calculated including design effects due to weighting.

(Full methodological details at the end of this document.)

*= less than 0.5 percent

1. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) How closely are you following the 2020 presidential race: very closely, somewhat closely, not so closely, or not closely at all?

	----- Closely -----			---- Not closely ----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	At all	
9/26/20 Penn.	90	64	27	10	6	3	*

2. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election this fall: 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 that	Don't think will vote (vol.)	Already voted (vol.)	No op.
9/26/20 Penn.	90	4	3	1	*	*	*

3. (ASK IF CERTAIN OR PROBABLY VOTE) Do you think you'll (vote in person at a polling place ON Election Day), or (vote early either by mail or in person BEFORE Election Day)?

	Vote on Election Day	Vote early	Already voted (vol.)	No opinion
9/26/20 Penn.	65	31	1	4

4. (ASK IF VOTE EARLY OR ALREADY VOTED) How do you think you will/did you vote - (in person at an early voting location), (by dropping off a ballot at a designated drop-box), or (by mail)?

	In person	Drop off ballot	Mail	No opinion
9/26/20 Penn.	8	18	72	2

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	Vote on Election Day	NET	In person	Drop off ballot	Mail	No op.	No opinion
9/26/20 Penn.	65	31	2	6	23	1	4

5. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) If the presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans) and (Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, the Democrats), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Trump

and Pence) or (Biden and Harris)? Confidentially and for statistical purposes only, did you vote for...?

LEANED NET VOTE PREFERENCE - LIKELY VOTERS

	Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/26/20 Penn.	45	54	0	*	0	1

LEANED NET VOTE PREFERENCE - REG VOTERS

	Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/26/20 Penn.	44	54	*	1	*	1

6. (ASK IF NAMED TRUMP) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting Trump, somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic or not enthusiastic at all?

	--- Enthusiastic ---			--- Not enthusiastic ---			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	
9/26/20 Penn.	92	71	21	7	3	4	*

7. (ASK IF NAMED BIDEN) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting Biden, somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic or not enthusiastic at all?

	--- Enthusiastic ---			--- Not enthusiastic ---			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	
9/26/20 Penn.	88	51	37	12	6	5	1

8. (ASK IF NOT NAMED TRUMP) Would you consider voting for Trump, or is this something you would not consider?

	Would consider	Would not consider	No opinion
9/26/20 Penn.	7	92	1

9. (ASK IF NOT NAMED BIDEN) Would you consider voting for Biden, or is this something you would not consider?

	Would consider	Would not consider	No opinion
9/26/20 Penn.	9	90	1

10. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/26/20 Penn.	43	32	11	55	7	49	1

11. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling the economy? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
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	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/26/20 Penn.	53	40	12	46	11	35	1

12. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
9/26/20 Penn.	39	9	30	60	38	23	1

13. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Who do you trust more to handle [ITEM] - (Trump) or (Biden)?

9/26/20 - Summary table among Pennsylvania registered voters

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. the economy	49	48	0	1	1
b. the coronavirus outbreak	40	54	1	4	1
c. crime and safety	47	50	0	1	2
d. equal treatment of racial groups	37	57	1	3	2
e. the next appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court	43	52	1	2	2
f. health care	39	56	*	3	2

14. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Which of the following is the single most important issue in your choice for president - (the economy), (the coronavirus outbreak), (crime and safety), (health care), (equal treatment of racial groups), or (the next appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court)?

Among registered voters in Pennsylvania:

	9/26/20
Economy	25
Coronavirus outbreak	18
Crime and safety	14
Equal treatment of racial groups	13
Health care	12
Appointment to U.S. Supreme Court	9
Other (vol.)	7
No opinion	2

15. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) As you may know, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died last Friday, creating an opening on the Supreme Court. Do you think her replacement should be nominated by Donald Trump and confirmed by the current U.S. Senate, or should this be left to the winner of the presidential election and a Senate vote next year? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	--- Nominated by Trump ---			-- Winner of election --			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/26/20 Penn.	44	37	6	53	5	48	3

16. (ASK IF NAMED TRUMP FOR VOTE) Does the opening on the Supreme Court make it more important to you that Trump wins the election, or does it make no difference? (IF MORE IMPORTANT) Is that much more important, or somewhat more important?

--- More important ---	No	No
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9/26/20 Penn. NET Much Somewhat difference opinion
 41 31 10 58 1

17. (ASK IF NAMED BIDEN FOR VOTE) Does the opening on the Supreme Court make it more important to you that Biden wins the election, or does it make no difference? (IF MORE IMPORTANT) Is that much more important, or somewhat more important?

 -- More important --- No No
 NET Much Somewhat difference opinion
 9/26/20 Penn. 61 50 12 38 1

Changing topics...

18. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling the coronavirus outbreak? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

 ----- Approve ----- ----- Disapprove ----- No
 NET Strongly Somewhat NET Somewhat Strongly opinion
 9/26/20 Penn. 42 27 15 57 5 52 1

19. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) How do you feel about the possibility that you or someone in your immediate family might catch the coronavirus - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

 ---- Worried ----- ----- Not worried ----- Already caught No
 NET Very Smwht NET Not too Not at all it (vol.) op.
 9/26/20 Penn. 62 27 35 34 17 17 3 *

On another subject...

20. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you support or oppose recent protests against police treatment of Black people? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

 ----- Support ----- ----- Oppose ----- No
 NET Strongly Somewhat NET Somewhat Strongly opinion
 9/26/20 Penn. 54 38 15 41 8 33 5

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

 Democrat Republican Independent Other (vol.) No opinion
 9/26/20 Penn. RV 38 32 23 5 2

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Demographics of weighted sample

	% of Pennsylvania registered voters
Men	47
Women	53
Age 18-39	33
Age 40-64	43
Age 65+	24

High school or less	37
Some college	29
College graduates	34
White, non-Hispanic	81
Black, non-Hispanic	10
Hispanic	5
Other/Multiple	3

METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

The Washington Post-ABC News 2020 battleground state surveys are based on random-sample telephone interviews with adults, registered voters and likely voters in selected states. The poll was jointly funded by The Post and ABC News. Sampling, fieldwork and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, MD.

To sample, phone numbers were drawn randomly from cellphone area codes and exchanges in the state, a database of out-of-state cellphone numbers whose users are billed within the state along with landlines with in-state area codes and exchanges. The cell/landline allocation is proportional to the share of residents who mostly or exclusively use cellphones, per the most recent state estimates from the federal National Health Interview Survey. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.

Sample frames were sorted by geopolitical regions of each state. The final sample was weighted to account for differential chance of selection among adults who are cellphone-only, landline-only and dual users. Data were then weighted to U.S. Census Bureau's one-year 2018 American Community Survey benchmarks using the following variables: gender, geopolitical region, educational attainment, age, race/ethnicity and race by education.

Up to its final disposition, each sampled phone number received a minimum of five dialings, at different times of day on different days. Interviews were carried out by professional live interviewers employed by Abt Associates. Cell respondents were screened for being 18 or older and their state of voter registration and/or residence was confirmed. Landline respondents were selected by randomly asking for the youngest male or female resident at home over 18.