

# PENNSYLVANIA STATEWIDE SURVEY

Interview Schedule



PUBLIC OPINION  
STRATEGIES

turning questions into answers

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N=800 Registered Voters

Credibility Interval: +3.95%

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1. And, would you say that things in Pennsylvania are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

41% Right Direction

37% Wrong Track

23% Not Sure

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Changing topics...

2. How concerned are you about the future availability of affordable energy in the United States...

26% Very Concerned

50% Somewhat Concerned

20% Not Too Concerned

...or...

4% Not At All Concerned?

**76% TOTAL CONCERNED**

**24% TOTAL NOT CONCERNED**

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3. And, how concerned are you about the future availability of affordable energy in Pennsylvania...

24%	Very Concerned
52%	Somewhat Concerned
19%	Not Too Concerned
	...or...
5%	Not At All Concerned?
<b>76%</b>	<b>TOTAL CONCERNED</b>
<b>24%</b>	<b>TOTAL NOT CONCERNED</b>

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4. Over the past two years, would you say that your household energy bills have...

25%	Increased A Lot
53%	Increased Some
18%	Stayed About the Same
2%	Decreased Some
	...or...
—	Decreased A Lot?
2%	Not Sure
<b>78%</b>	<b>TOTAL INCREASED</b>
<b>2%</b>	<b>TOTAL DECREASED</b>

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5. How concerned are you about your ability to afford your family's energy needs, including home electricity costs...

22%	Very Concerned
43%	Somewhat Concerned
27%	Not Too Concerned
	...or...
8%	Not At All Concerned?
<b>65%</b>	<b>TOTAL CONCERNED</b>
<b>35%</b>	<b>TOTAL NOT CONCERNED</b>

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6. When thinking about making lifestyle changes to protect the environment, which of the following changes have you already made, or do you plan to make in your life? *(Please select all that apply)*

69%	Conserving energy by turning off lights, appliances, and electronics when not in use
60%	Using reusable shopping bags
59%	Recycling more frequently
54%	Lowering the heating thermostat during the winter
49%	Conserving water
39%	Eliminating my use of single-use plastics, such as straws, utensils, and takeout containers
38%	Not using or reducing the use of air conditioning during the summer
25%	Replacing my current home appliances with more energy efficient alternatives
21%	Buying products from brands that prioritize sustainability
19%	Biking or walking instead of driving a gas-powered vehicle
17%	Reducing meat and dairy consumption
14%	Taking public transportation instead of driving
14%	Planting more trees
10%	Purchasing an electric vehicle
9%	Volunteering for community cleanups
7%	Installing solar panels on my home
6%	Paying more for green energy
5%	None of the above
1%	All the above

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Moving on... Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

	<b>Total Agree</b>	<b>Total Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>
<b>Ranked by % Strongly Agree</b>							
10. Republicans and Democrats in the state should work together to reduce energy regulations that stifle production and drive-up energy prices.	<b>85%</b>	<b>11%</b>	58%	28%	5%	6%	4%
7. The Pennsylvania government should focus on working with, and not against, the state's energy providers to lower energy costs and protect the environment.	<b>90%</b>	<b>6%</b>	56%	34%	4%	2%	4%
8. Our elected officials in Pennsylvania should be working together with energy companies to increase energy production while limiting the strain on our electrical grid.	<b>90%</b>	<b>5%</b>	51%	39%	4%	1%	5%
12. Pennsylvania is one of the nation's most natural gas-rich states. Our government officials should be embracing this natural energy resource, not penalizing it.	<b>76%</b>	<b>12%</b>	41%	35%	8%	4%	12%
9. Pennsylvania's government officials should prioritize the power grid and reduce power outages before they consider limiting current energy production and bringing new types of alternative energy online.	<b>78%</b>	<b>13%</b>	38%	40%	11%	3%	9%
11. Excessive governmental regulation on our state's energy sector is limiting energy production and driving up the cost of electricity for consumers.	<b>65%</b>	<b>20%</b>	28%	37%	12%	7%	16%

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Moving on...

13. Do you support or oppose the expansion of Pennsylvania's natural gas infrastructure to ease the strain on our electrical grid, reduce emissions, and lower energy costs?

34% Strongly Support  
43% Somewhat Support  
9% Somewhat Oppose  
2% Strongly Oppose

11% Undecided/Not Sure

**77% TOTAL SUPPORT**

**12% TOTAL OPPOSE**

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14. How concerned are you about the reliability of the Pennsylvania electricity grid and the possibility of blackouts...

13% Very Concerned  
51% Somewhat Concerned  
31% Not Too Concerned  
...or...  
4% Not At All Concerned?

**64% TOTAL CONCERNED**

**36% TOTAL NOT CONCERNED**

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15. Would you support or oppose a law requiring Pennsylvania electricity suppliers to increase the use of alternative energy, even if it leads to higher energy costs for consumers?

12% Strongly Support  
16% Somewhat Support  
  
12% Lean Towards Support  
17% Undecided/Not Sure  
6% Lean Towards Oppose

20% Somewhat Oppose

17% Strongly Oppose

**28% TOTAL SUPPORT**

**37% TOTAL OPPOSE**

**35% TOTAL LEAN/UNDECIDED**

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16A. Which one of the following would you say is the most pressing issue in Pennsylvania today regarding energy and the environment?

**(ASKED IF FIRST CHOICE IN Q16A)**

16B. And, which of the remaining would you say is the second most pressing issue in Pennsylvania today regarding energy and the environment?

<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Comb</u>	
42%	20%	62%	Rising energy costs
12%	19%	31%	Ensuring energy grid reliability and modernization to prevent blackouts
11%	17%	28%	The economic impact of government regulations
11%	14%	25%	Too many restrictions and regulations on energy exploration and production
13%	10%	22%	Environmental harms from energy exploration and production
3%	5%	8%	The loss of energy sector jobs
3%	5%	7%	Not enough regulations on energy production
—	—	—	Other Energy or Environmental Issue
6%	4%	10%	Not Sure

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17. Which of the following statements comes closest to your own opinion when thinking about government regulation and oversight of Pennsylvania energy producers?

56%	There is too much bureaucracy and red tape hindering energy production in the state and driving up costs for consumers. ...or...
30%	There are not enough government regulations to penalize energy companies for their carbon emissions or to limit their energy production.
14%	Not Sure

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18. Would you support or oppose Pennsylvania following the actions of other states, like California, that banned the sale of new gasoline-powered cars by 2035?

9% Strongly Support  
20% Somewhat Support  
18% Somewhat Oppose  
43% Strongly Oppose

9% Undecided/Not Sure

**29% TOTAL SUPPORT**  
**61% TOTAL OPPOSE**

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19. Do you support or oppose Pennsylvania's participation in an initiative - known as RGGI - aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions, that would impose an estimated 30% increase in your electricity rates and could lead to Pennsylvania losing as many as 22,000 jobs?

6% Strongly Support  
16% Somewhat Support  
19% Somewhat Oppose  
45% Strongly Oppose

13% Undecided/Not Sure

**22% TOTAL SUPPORT**  
**65% TOTAL OPPOSE**

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20. The Commonwealth Court has ruled RGGI unconstitutional, deeming it an "illegal tax," and subsequently blocked the initiative. Governor Shapiro is currently appealing that decision to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, seeking unilateral authority to impose new energy taxes without a vote by the legislature. No other state has adopted RGGI without legislative approval.

Do you support or oppose the Governor pursuing a new energy tax through the courts?

8% Strongly Support  
17% Somewhat Support  
19% Somewhat Oppose  
40% Strongly Oppose

16% Undecided/Not Sure

**25% TOTAL SUPPORT**  
**59% TOTAL OPPOSE**

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21. Do you support or oppose allowing Governor Shapiro to unilaterally impose new taxes without a vote by your elected representatives in the legislature?

5% Strongly Support  
10% Somewhat Support  
22% Somewhat Oppose  
53% Strongly Oppose

9% Undecided/Not Sure

**15% TOTAL SUPPORT**  
**76% TOTAL OPPOSE**

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Changing topics... Please read a little more about a topic you may have heard about...

22. Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance (ESG) is a way of evaluating businesses beyond the value they create for investors and customers, such as their ability to promote long-term environmental sustainability and social responsibility as defined by social and political activists, not businesses or investors.

Knowing that, which of the following statements comes closest to your own opinion about state-managed investments?

- 66% State pension funds and 401ks should be invested to achieve the best returns for current and future retirees.  
...or...  
18% State pension funds and 401ks should be invested only in companies adhering to socially conscious ESG standards.  
  
16% Not Sure
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23. Which of the following should be a higher priority for Pennsylvania's elected officials...

- 67% Ensuring affordable energy  
...or...  
33% Combating climate change?
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24. How much money would you personally be willing to spend out of your own pocket each year to help combat climate change? Please enter a specific dollar amount below.

- 63% \$0 / Not Willing to Pay Any Additional Money out of Pocket  
  
11% \$1-99  
18% \$100-499  
8% \$500+
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25. Which of the following statements comes closest to your personal views?

- 73% We should promote domestic energy production to ensure our nation has a reliable energy supply and provide consumers with available and affordable energy.  
...or...  
27% We should reduce domestic energy production. The government has an obligation to protect our natural resources and fight climate change.
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26. How important do you think it is for the United States to achieve energy independence rather than be reliant on foreign countries...

- 60% Very Important  
34% Somewhat Important  
6% Not Too Important  
...or...  
1% Not At All Important?
- 94% TOTAL IMPORTANT**  
**6% TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT**
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27. Which of the following statements comes closest to your own opinion about energy and environmental regulations?

- 37% Government energy regulations and oversight help protect the environment and bolster consumer safety.  
...or...  
63% Excessive government red tape prevents energy production, drives up costs for consumers, and has little environmental or safety benefits.
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28. Are you aware that Pennsylvania electricity rates will increase by as much as 16% beginning in June?

- 34% Yes, aware  
66% No, was not aware
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29. Continued rate hikes are expected due to government mandates that penalize affordable and reliable energy sources, and require generation by more expensive and less reliable alternative sources.

Do you support or oppose these mandates?

3% Strongly Support  
11% Somewhat Support  
21% Somewhat Oppose  
52% Strongly Oppose

13% Undecided/Not Sure

**14% TOTAL SUPPORT**

**73% TOTAL OPPOSE**

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30. Do you support or oppose politicians in Harrisburg taking nearly \$300 million in sales tax dollars paid by consumers all across Pennsylvania to bail out the mass transit system in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh?

8% Strongly Support  
18% Somewhat Support  
23% Somewhat Oppose  
39% Strongly Oppose

12% Undecided/Not Sure

**26% TOTAL SUPPORT**

**62% TOTAL OPPOSE**

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Please indicate whether you would support or oppose each of the following proposals.

	<b>Total Support</b>	<b>Total Oppose</b>	<b>Strongly Support</b>	<b>Somewhat Support</b>	<b>Somewhat Oppose</b>	<b>Strongly Oppose</b>	<b>Undecided/ Not Sure</b>
<b>Ranked by % Strongly Support</b>							
31. Requiring elected officials to review major regulations in order to prevent decisions being made by executive action or by unelected bureaucrats.	<b>80%</b>	<b>10%</b>	44%	36%	8%	3%	10%
32. Requiring a vote by the state legislature to approve any new state regulation that would cost more than \$1 million.	<b>73%</b>	<b>17%</b>	39%	34%	12%	6%	10%
33. Requiring a vote by the U.S. Congress for any new federal administrative regulation with an annual economic impact of \$100 million.	<b>68%</b>	<b>16%</b>	36%	33%	9%	6%	16%

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Now, just a few more questions for statistical purposes only...

D1. In what year were you born?

6%	18 - 24
18%	25 - 34
16%	35 - 44
15%	45 - 54
18%	55 - 64
27%	65 AND ABOVE

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D2B. Please record your gender.

48%	Male
52%	Female

\* Identify some other way

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D3A. And, what is the last grade you completed in school?

–	Some Grade School (Grades 1-8)
1%	Some High School (Grades 9-11)
28%	Graduated High School (Grade 12)
6%	Technical/Vocational School
23%	Some College
30%	Graduated College (e.g. Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science)
12%	Graduate/Professional School (e.g. PhD, MD, JD)
<b>58%</b>	<b>LESS THAN COLLEGE</b>
<b>42%</b>	<b>COLLEGE+</b>

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D6A. What is your main racial or ethnic heritage?

80%	Caucasian or White
11%	African American or Black
5%	Hispanic, Latino or some other Spanish speaking background
3%	Asian or Pacific Islander
1%	Native American or American Indian
–	Other/Mix

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D5A. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be...

13%	Very Conservative
24%	Somewhat Conservative
38%	Moderate
15%	Somewhat Liberal
11%	Very Liberal
<b>36%</b>	<b>TOTAL CONSERVATIVE</b>
<b>26%</b>	<b>TOTAL LIBERAL</b>

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D4B. Are you registered to vote as a... a Republican, a Democrat, or something else?

23%	Strong Republican
19%	Not-so-strong Republican
2%	Lean towards the Republicans
10%	Something else/Independent
2%	Lean towards the Democrats
20%	Not-so-strong Democrat
24%	Strong Democrat
<b>42%</b>	<b>TOTAL REPUBLICAN</b>
<b>44%</b>	<b>TOTAL DEMOCRAT</b>
<b>14%</b>	<b>TOTAL LEAN/INDEPENDENT</b>

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D8A. Regardless of how you feel now, for whom did you vote in the 2024 Presidential election...

<b>Total</b>	<b>Voted</b>	
47%	50%	Donald Trump
46%	49%	Kamala Harris
		...or...
1%	1%	Someone Else?
6%	—	Did Not Vote
*	—	Don't Know/Don't Recall

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GEO1. Geography from Zip Code

21%	URBAN
68%	SUBURBAN
11%	RURAL

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GEO4. How would you describe the area in which you live?

15%	Big city
10%	Medium or small city
45%	Suburban Area
13%	Small town
16%	Rural area
*	Not Sure

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D9F. Are you currently...

46%	Employed full-time
11%	Employed part-time
1%	Student
5%	Stay at home parent
29%	Retired
7%	Unemployed and looking for work
<b>57%</b>	<b>TOTAL EMPLOYED</b>
<b>43%</b>	<b>TOTAL NOT EMPLOYED</b>

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D10A. Are you, or is anyone in your household, a member of a labor union or a teachers' union, employed by the city, county, state, or federal government, including as a fire fighter or law enforcement officer? *(Please select all that apply)*

6%	Yes, Labor Union
3%	Yes, Teachers' Union
3%	Yes, Government Employee (City, County, State, Federal)
1%	Yes, Firefighter or Law Enforcement Officer
87%	No
1%	Not Sure
<b>11%</b>	<b>TOTAL YES, UNION HOUSEHOLD</b>

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D17. Do you own your own home, rent a house or apartment, live with parents or relatives, live in a home or apartment at which someone else pays the rent, or something else?

64%	Own
29%	Rent
6%	Live with Parents or Relatives
1%	Someone Else Pays
*	Something Else
—	Not Sure
<b>36%</b>	<b>TOTAL DO NOT OWN</b>

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D9B. And for statistical purposes only, what is your total annual household income?

28%	Less than \$40,000
31%	\$40,000 - \$74,999
17%	\$75,000 - \$99,999
13%	\$100,000 - \$149,000
10%	\$150,000 or more
1%	Refuse
<b>59%</b>	<b>TOTAL LESS THAN \$75K</b>
<b>40%</b>	<b>TOTAL \$75K+</b>

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VEH1. What type of vehicle do you drive most often...

42%	A Car or Sedan
39%	A SUV
4%	A Pick-Up Truck
2%	A Minivan
1%	Something Else
	...or...
12%	Do You Not Drive a Vehicle Regularly?

**88% TOTAL DRIVE REGULARLY**

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**(ASKED IF DRIVE A VEHICLE REGULARLY IN VEH1)**

VEH2. And, is the main vehicle you drive...

88%	A Gas-Powered Vehicle
7%	A Hybrid Gas and Electric Vehicle
3%	A Plug-In All-Electric Vehicle?
	...or...
2%	A Diesel-Powered Vehicle

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