



**Top Line Survey Results**  
**PA Statewide Omnibus Poll**  
**Conducted June 16 – June 21, 2025**  
**Sample Size: 713 Likely Voters**

**TOP LINE RESULTS AND QUESTIONNAIRE**

**COMMONWEALTH FOUNDATION**

Good morning/afternoon/evening, my name is (YOUR FIRST NAME). I am calling on behalf of Susquehanna Polling and Research, a public opinion research firm. May I speak to (name on list) or another registered voter in your household? (If name on list or other voter is not available, TERMINATE CALL).

**INTRODUCTION:** We are conducting a survey of attitudes and opinions concerning some important issues facing Pennsylvania today. May we have a few minutes of your time to complete a brief survey?

Great, thank you...

F1. Are you registered to vote as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or with some other political party?

1. If Republican	299	42%	PROCEED TO Q1
2. If Democrat	328	46%	PROCEED TO Q1
3. If Independent/Other	86	12%	PROCEED TO Q1
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4. If Not a Registered Voter	---		THANK AND TERMINATE

Q1. Do you feel Governor Shapiro has delivered major accomplishments during his term in office?

1. Yes	308	43%	PROCEED TO Q2
2. No	284	40%	SKIP TO Q3
3. Unsure	111	16%	SKIP TO Q3
4. Refuse	10	01%	SKIP TO Q3

Q2. So far in Governor Shapiro's term, what do you regard as his greatest accomplishment?

**See Verbatim Schedule A-1**

Q3. According to data from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, public school districts in Pennsylvania have more than \$7.4 Billion in reserve funds. Should school districts be required to use excess reserves before raising taxes to increase spending?

1. Yes	588	82%
2. No	69	10%
3. Not sure	56	08%

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**Thinking about K-12 education in Pennsylvania... Below is a series of different ideas and proposals people are talking about in Pennsylvania. After you read each one, please indicate if you support or oppose that proposal.**

Q4. Creating educational opportunity accounts, a government-funded account that parents can use for restricted educational expenses, including tuition, tutoring, online education programs, and therapies for students with special needs. Do you support or oppose this? (Test Intensity...)

1. Strongly support	321	45%
2. Somewhat support	195	27%
<b>Total Support:</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>72%</b>
3. Somewhat oppose	80	11%
4. Strongly oppose	65	09%
<b>Total Oppose:</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>20%</b>
5. Not sure	52	07%

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Q5. Cutting state funding for cyber charter schools by 50% per student. Do you support or oppose this? (Test Intensity...)

1. Strongly support	144	20%
2. Somewhat support	123	17%
<b>Total Support:</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>37%</b>
3. Somewhat oppose	166	23%
4. Strongly oppose	224	31%
<b>Total Oppose:</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>55%</b>
5. Not sure	56	08%

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Q6. Providing a refundable tax credit that gives money to families to spend on the direct needs of their child, including private tuition, online education programs, tutoring, curriculum, and therapies. Low-income families would be eligible for up front relief. Do you support or oppose this? (Test Intensity...)

1. Strongly support	250	35%
2. Somewhat support	267	37%
<b>Total Support:</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>73%</b>
3. Somewhat oppose	64	09%
4. Strongly oppose	96	13%
<b>Total Oppose:</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>22%</b>
5. Not sure	36	05%

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Q7. As you may know, Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro has proposed a \$51.5 Billion General Fund budget for 2025-2026, which is an 8.1 percent spending increase compared to last year's ongoing general fund spending. The resulting \$4.8 billion deficit would necessitate a tax hike of nearly \$2,000 per family of four. Knowing this, do you support or oppose Gov. Shapiro's budget proposal? (Test Intensity...)

1. Strongly support	89	13%
2. Somewhat support	144	20%
<b>Total Support:</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>33%</b>
3. Somewhat oppose	134	19%
4. Strongly oppose	273	38%
<b>Total Oppose:</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>57%</b>
5. Not sure	72	10%
6. Refuse	1	00%

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Q8. How important is it to you personally that leaders in Pennsylvania of all political parties come together a pass a budget agreement that is bipartisan – extremely important, somewhat important, not that important or not at all important?

1. Extremely important	479	67%
2. Somewhat important	171	24%
<b>Total Important:</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>91%</b>
3. Not that important	30	04%
4. Not at all important	19	03%
<b>Total Not Important:</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>07%</b>
5. Not sure	14	02%

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Q9. During his first year in office, Governor Shapiro and the state legislature did not agree on a budget in time to meet Pennsylvania's legal deadline of June 30, leading to a 5-month long impasse. Since then, Governor Shapiro has said it is up to the State House and Senate to find common ground. Do you believe Governor Shapiro should play a more active role in brokering a bi-partisan deal to keep the state budget on track? (Test Intensity...)

1. Strongly yes	302	42%
2. Somewhat yes	190	27%
<b>Total Yes:</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>69%</b>
3. Somewhat no	85	12%
4. Strongly no	81	11%
<b>Total No:</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>23%</b>
5. Unsure	55	08%

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Q10. As a candidate, Governor Shapiro pledged to work across the aisle with legislators and enact bipartisan policies. During his first two-and-a-half years in office, Shapiro's record of legislative accomplishment has proven to be the least productive of any Pennsylvania gubernatorial term in at least 50 years. Shapiro has said he remains focused on his job at governor, while others have questioned the extent of his out-of-state travel for political events and national media appearances. Generally speaking, do you believe Governor Shapiro should focus more on working with the legislature to deliver bipartisan policy reforms?

1. Yes	537	75%
2. No	85	12%
3. Not sure	90	13%

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Q11. Elected officials in Harrisburg are considering proposals to combat climate change – known as PACER and PRESS – that will increase consumers' monthly electricity bill. It is estimated that these programs would cost average households an additional \$1,754 per year. Do you support or oppose these proposals? (Test Intensity...)

1. Strongly support	116	16%
2. Somewhat support	96	13%
<b>Total Support:</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>30%</b>
3. Somewhat oppose	89	12%
4. Strongly oppose	354	50%
<b>Total Oppose:</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>62%</b>
5. Not sure	59	08%
6. Refuse	1	00%

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**Now we have just a few questions for demographic purposes...**

Q12. What was your age on your last birthday? (Use brackets below)

1. 18-29	88	12%
2. 30-44	127	18%
3. 45-54	111	16%
4. 55-64	143	20%
5. 65-74	145	20%
6. 75+	99	14%

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Q13. What is your highest level of education? (UNAIDED)

1. High school diploma or less	171	24%
2. Some college, but no college degree	135	19%
3. 2-year college degree/technical or trade degree	135	19%
4. 4-year college degree	164	23%
5. Post-graduate degree/Masters/Doctorate studies	107	15%

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Q14. What is your main racial or ethnic background? (UNAIDED; Check All That Apply)

(In Alpha Order)

1. African American/African/Black	71	10%
2. Asian American/Asian	36	05%
3. Hispanic/Latino	57	08%
4. Multiracial/Multiethnic	8	01%
5. Native American/Alaska Native	0	00%
6. Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	00%
7. White (Not Latino/Hispanic)	540	76%
8. Race/ethnicity not represented by above categories	7	01%

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY. HAVE A GOOD DAY.**

Gender (by observation):

1. Male	342	48%
2. Female	371	52%

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Regional Groupings:

29	(04%)	1. <b>Northwest</b> [Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Warren, Forest]
78	(11%)	2. <b>Southwest</b> [Lawrence, Beaver, Washington, Greene, Fayette, Westmoreland, Indiana, Armstrong, Butler]
93	(13%)	3. <b>The "T"/Central</b> [Jefferson, Elk, McKean, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Centre, Cambria, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin, Huntingdon, Blair, Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Sullivan, Lycoming, Clinton, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Mifflin]
100	(14%)	4. <b>Northeast/Lehigh Valley</b> [Luzerne, Carbon, Monroe, Schuylkill, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Northampton, Pike, Wayne]
121	(17%)	5. <b>South Central</b> [Perry, Cumberland, Adams, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, Berks, Juniata]
150	(21%)	6. <b>Southeast</b> [Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks]
71	(10%)	7. <b>Allegheny County</b>
71	(10%)	8. <b>Philadelphia</b>

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## METHODOLOGY, SAMPLE FRAME CONSTRUCTION AND DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURES

This poll was conducted by Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc<sup>1</sup>, with questions sponsored by The Commonwealth Foundation. Interviews were conducted June 16 – June 21, 2025, with 713 registered voters in Pennsylvania. Survey respondents are randomly contacted using random selection procedures, and all telephone interviews are conducted using live telephone agents. The sample frame was compiled using random telephone sequence methods, and includes both landline and cellular households, purchased from a certified list vendor; all households are pre-screened to eliminate household telephone numbers on the federal Do Not Call registry in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws. Only known registered voters were contacted, compiled from a list of households with prior vote history in 1 of 4 or better general elections using G24, G23, G22 and/or G21 as the base universe. Voters who registered to vote after the 2024 general election are also included and eligible to participate.

A supplemental component of interviews was collected via SP&R's proprietary web panel, owned by Bartlett Research Group, consisting of a database of registered voters in all geographic regions of the Commonwealth. Panel respondents are pre-screened to ensure their eligibility in the survey.

Interviews are closely monitored to ensure a representative sample of the Pennsylvania electorate is achieved based on party registration, geography, gender, age cohort and other demographics; results are sometimes statistically weighted to adjust for coverage bias or non-response error.

The margin of error for a sample size of 713 interviews is +/-3.7% at the 95% confidence level.

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<sup>1</sup>Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc. is a nationally recognized polling and focus group company and conducts polling for political, media and corporate clients in numerous states. SP&R's polling has been featured on many national platforms, including the Rush Limbaugh Radio Show, FOX News Channel, The O'Reilly Factor, the Bill Maher Show and MSNBC. The website [realclearpolitics.com](http://realclearpolitics.com) rated SP&R the #1 most accurate pollster in the USA for its battleground polling in the "multi state" category in the lead up to the 2020 POTUS national elections.