



## Pennsylvania Statewide Poll Results

May 23 - 25, 2017

**Q.** First, how often do you vote in elections for Governor and the state legislature?

Always	72%
Most of the time	17%
Sometimes	11%

**Q.** As you may know, the State Legislature is currently considering a proposal to help balance the budget by legalizing forty thousand video poker and blackjack machines, called video gaming terminals or VGTs. Do you favor or oppose this plan?

<i>Total Favor:</i>	<i>38%</i>
<i>Total Oppose:</i>	<i>47%</i>

Strongly favor	19%
Somewhat favor	19%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	31%
Not sure	15%

Now I am going to read you a series of statements about the proposed video gaming terminals, or VGTs. Please tell me whether each statement makes you more likely or less likely to favor legalizing video gaming terminals in Pennsylvania. If it makes no difference to your opinion, you can tell me that too.

**Q.** The current proposal would allow these video gaming terminals to be placed in twelve thousand everyday locations across the state including restaurants, delis and pizza shops.

<i>Total More Likely:</i>	<i>18%</i>
<i>Total Less Likely:</i>	<i>55%</i>

Much more likely	10%
Somewhat more likely	8%
Somewhat less likely	12%
Much less likely	43%
No difference	25%
Not sure	1%

**Q.** If passed, this proposal would allow video gaming terminals with poker and blackjack to be placed in nursing homes.

*Total More Likely:* 12%  
*Total Less Likely:* 76%

Much more likely	7%
Somewhat more likely	5%
Somewhat less likely	10%
Much less likely	66%
No difference	11%
Not sure	1%

**Q.** The proposal is designed to enable the video gaming terminals to compete with the Pennsylvania Lottery. Currently, the proceeds of the Lottery benefit older Pennsylvanians by helping to reduce the cost of things like prescription drugs. Conversely, the proceeds from VGTs would help fund general government operations.

*Total More Likely:* 20%  
*Total Less Likely:* 59%

Much more likely	9%
Somewhat more likely	11%
Somewhat less likely	14%
Much less likely	45%
No difference	17%
Not sure	4%

**Q.** Pennsylvania's brick-and-mortar casinos employ over sixteen thousand Pennsylvanians. VGT machines are designed to operate without employees and will directly compete with these good-paying jobs for our citizens, resulting in layoffs.

*Total More Likely:* 9%  
*Total Less Likely:* 72%

Much more likely	5%
Somewhat more likely	4%
Somewhat less likely	16%
Much less likely	56%
No difference	17%
Not sure	3%

**Q.** Now that you have heard some additional information, do you favor or oppose a proposal to help balance the budget by legalizing forty thousand video poker and blackjack machines, called video gaming terminals or VGTs?

*Total Favor:* 26%  
*Total Oppose:* 69%

Strongly favor	13%
Somewhat favor	13%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	53%
Not sure	6%

**Q.** If your state legislator were to vote in favor of legalizing video gaming terminals across the state, would you be more likely or less likely to vote for that legislator for re-election?

*Total More Likely:* 16%  
*Total Less Likely:* 58%

Much more likely	9%
Somewhat more likely	7%
Somewhat less likely	16%
Much less likely	42%
No difference	21%
Not sure	6%

**Q.** Legislation is being considered in the Pennsylvania state legislature which would legalize internet gambling in Pennsylvania. Do you favor or oppose legislation to legalize internet gambling in Pennsylvania?

*Total Favor:* 23%  
*Total Oppose:* 66%

Strongly favor	12%
Somewhat favor	11%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	50%
Not sure	11%

**Q.** Now I am going to read you two viewpoints about internet gambling. Please tell me which viewpoint comes closest to your opinion.

*(ROTATE)*

*Some say/Others say...*

That internet gambling is no different than the other types of gambling that already exist in casinos in Pennsylvania and that it is simply an extension of gambling options in this technological age.

*Others say/Some say...*

That internet gambling is very different from other types of gambling that already exist in casinos in Pennsylvania. It can turn every smart phone and device into a casino, potentially preying on young people and the poor. These potential abuses do not exist with traditional casino gambling.

Which viewpoint comes closest to your own?

Internet gambling no different	27%
Internet gambling very different	68%
Not sure	5%

**Q.** Have you ever gone to a casino?

Yes	85%
No	14%
Not sure	1%

*(Asked Only of 'Yes' Respondents from Previous Question)*

**Q.** Have you visited one of the casinos in Pennsylvania?

Yes	65%
No	35%

## Demographics

### Type of Phone

Cell	25%
Landline	75%

### Gender

Female	52%
Male	48%

### Party Registration

Republican	42%
Democrat	47%
Independent	9%
Not sure	2%

### Age

18 to 39	17%
40 to 54	24%
55 to 64	25%
65 to 74	19%
75 or older	15%

### Race

White	82%
African American	9%
Hispanic or Latino	3%
Any other race	6%

### Region

Northern Tier	14%
Philadelphia/Southeast	33%
Pittsburgh/Southwest	22%
Scranton/Lehigh Valley	12%
South Central	19%

**Media Market**

ERIE	3%
HARRISBURG-LNCSTR-LEB-YORK	14%
JOHNSTOWN-ALTOONA-ST COLGE	5%
Non-PA	3%
PHILADELPHIA	39%
PITTSBURGH	24%
WILKES BARRE-SCRANTON-HZTN	12%

**Ideology**

Very Conservative	19%
Somewhat Conservative	28%
Moderate	24%
Somewhat Liberal	16%
Very Liberal	11%
Not sure	2%

**Education Level**

High school or below	3%
High school graduate	29%
Technical or vocational school graduate	10%
College graduate	42%
Post graduate degree	14%
Not sure	1%

**Church/Synagogue Attendance**

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	32%
Several times a month	9%
Once a month	5%
Several times a year	13%
Only on holidays	9%
Never	20%
Not sure	3%

**Children Under 18 At Home**

Yes	26%
No	74%

**General Election Vote History**

0	5%
1	12%
2	20%
3	24%
4	39%

**METHODOLOGY:**

*The sample size for the survey is 500 likely voters in Pennsylvania and the margin of error is +/-4.4%. Responses were gathered via cell phone and landline interviews conducted by live operators. The survey was conducted May 23 - 25, 2017 by Harper Polling. The total percentages for responses may not equal 100% due to rounding.*