



## Pennsylvania Budget & Political Poll Results

Conducted: July 1-2, 2013

Respondents: 813

Margin of Error: +/-3.44%

### Results:

**Q:** How important do you believe it is that lawmakers in Harrisburg pass state budgets before the Constitutional deadline?

Very important	67%
Somewhat important	19%
Not very important	4%
Not important at all	2%
Not sure	8%
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Total	100%

*(split sample – without Obama)*

**Q:** Do you agree or disagree that the state of Pennsylvania should expand Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals, as called for under the new health care law known as the Affordable Care Act?

Strongly agree	35%
Somewhat agree	23%
Somewhat disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	26%
Not sure	6%
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Total	100%

*(split sample – with Obama)*

**Q:** Do you agree or disagree that the state of Pennsylvania should expand Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals, as called for under President Obama's new health care law?

Strongly agree	38%
Somewhat agree	14%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	30%
Not sure	6%
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Total	100%

**Q:** Which of the following comes closest to your opinion regarding education spending in the new state budget? Some say the budget's \$120 million dollar increase in education spending, despite these tough economic times, is a good thing. Others say the spending is not enough to make up for the previous cuts to education over the last few years.

The education increase is good	33%
The education increase is not enough	37%
Not sure	30%
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Total	100%

**Q:** Do you support or oppose a plan to require new state employees to participate in a 401k retirement plan as opposed to the current state employee pension system?

Strongly support	42%
Somewhat support	18%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	9%
Not sure	20%
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Total	100%

**Q:** How important do you believe it is that the new state budget contains no tax increases for the third year in a row?

Very important	56%
Somewhat important	23%
Not very important	12%
Not important at all	4%
Not sure	5%
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Total	100%

**Q:** Do you believe that the economy in Pennsylvania is getting better or getting worse?

Getting better	29%
Getting worse	43%
Not sure	28%
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Total	100%

**Q:** If the election for Governor were held today, would prefer to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

Republican	40%
Democrat	41%
Not sure	19%
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Total	100%

**Q:** If the election for the state legislature were held today, would prefer to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

Republican	39%
Democrat	41%
Not sure	20%
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Total	100%

**Q:** Do you believe Governor Tom Corbett has done enough to deserve reelection or should we give someone else a chance?

Deserves reelection	24%
Someone else	56%
Not sure	20%
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Total	100%

**Q:** Which of the following is your favorite Hershey's candy bar: Hershey's Kisses, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Hershey's Chocolate Bars, Kit Kat or York Peppermint Patties?

Hershey's Kisses	12%
Reese's Peanut Butter Cups	43%
Hershey's Chocolate Bars	16%
Kit Kat	12%
York Peppermint Patties	17%
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Total	100%

**Q:** Where do you most commonly get your news: In newspapers, on the Internet, or on TV?

Newspapers	27%
Internet	23%
TV	50%
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Total	100%

**Demographics:**

<b>Region</b>	
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Northern Tier	16%
Philadelphia/Southeast	32%
Pittsburgh/Southwest	18%
Scranton/Lehigh Valley	13%
South Central	20%
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Total	100%

**Gender**

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Female	53%
Male	47%
Total	100%

**Age**

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18 - 35	12%
36 - 50	25%
51 - 65	31%
66 and older	32%
Total	100%

**Party Affiliation**

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Republican	42%
Democrat	45%
Independent/Any other	13%
Total	100%

**Ideology**

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Very Conservative	24%
Somewhat Conservative	32%
Moderate	29%
Liberal	12%
Not sure	3%
Total	100%