This Washington Post-University of Maryland poll was conducted by telephone September 19-23, 2024, among a random sample of 1,012 registered voters in the state of Maryland. The sample was drawn from a database of Maryland registered voters; with 62 percent reached by live callers on cellphones, 16 percent live callers on landlines and 22 percent completing the survey online via cellphone from a text invitation. Results among both registered voters and likely voters have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points, including design effects due to weighting. Sampling, data collection and tabulation was conducted by Braun Research of Princeton, N.J.

(Full methodological details and sampling error margins for subgroups appended at the end.)

RV=Registered voters *= less than 0.5 percent


1. I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election in November: 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 | Already voted (vol.) | Don't think will vote (vol.) | No op. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/23/24 RV | 88 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 0 | * | * |


2. If the 2024 presidential election were being held today, for whom would you vote? Who would you lean toward?

|  | Harris | Trump | Stein | Oliver | Other (vol.) | Would not vote (vol.) | No opinion /Skipped |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/23/24 LV | 63 | 31 | 1 | 1 | * | 1 | 4 |
| 9/23/24 RV | 61 | 31 | 1 | 1 | * | 1 | 5 |

(Response option wording: "Kamala Harris and Tim Walz, the Democrats," "Donald Trump and JD Vance, the Republicans," "Jill Stein and Butch Ware of the Green Party," "Chase Oliver and Mike ter Maat of the Libertarian Party." Harris and Trump randomized first, Stein and Oliver randomized next.)


3. (IF DIDN'T SAY HARRIS OR TRUMP) If the only candidates were (Kamala Harris and Tim Walz, the Democrats) and (Donald Trump and JD Vance, the Republicans), for whom would you vote?

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|  | Harris | Trump | Other (vol.) | Would not vote (vol.) | No opinion /Skipped |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/23/24 LV | 64 | 32 | * | 1 | 4 |
| 9/23/24 RV | 62 | 32 | * | 1 | 5 |


4. Now, turning to the U.S. Senate election in Maryland, if the 2024 election for the U.S. Senate were being held today, would you vote for (Angela Alsobrooks, the Democrat), (Larry Hogan, the Republican) or Mike Scott, the Libertarian? Which one are you leaning toward right now?

|  | Angela Alsobrooks | Larry Hogan | Mike Scott | Other (vol.) | Would not vote (vol.) | No opinion /Skipped |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/23/24 LV | 51 | 40 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 9/23/24 RV | 50 | 41 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 3/12/24 RV | 36 | 50 | NA | NA | NA | 15 |

5. What is your preference for the outcome of the U.S. Senate elections in November -- a Senate controlled by (Democrats) or a Senate controlled by (Republicans)?

|  | Republicans | Democrats | No opinion /Skipped |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9/23/24 LV | 32 | 60 | 8 |
| 9/23/24 RV | 32 | 58 | 10 |
| 3/12/24 RV | 35 | 55 | 11 |

6. Regardless of your support, just your best guess, who do you think will win the general election for president in November 2024?

|  | Harris | Trump | Stein | Oliver | Someone else (vol.) | No opinion /Skipped |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/23/24 RV | 62 | 27 | * | * | 0 | 11 |

7. Assuming you vote for U.S. Senate in November, how important will each of these issues be in your choice of which candidate to support? [ITEM], is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all? How about [ITEM]?

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|  | --- More important --- | | | Somewhat | - Less important -- | | | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | NET | Extremely | Very | important | NET | Not too | Not at all | op. |
| a. The economy | 85 | 55 | 30 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 1 | * |
| b. Immigration | 64 | 34 | 29 | 13 | 13 | 7 | 6 | 1 |
| c. Abortion | 65 | 43 | 22 | 17 | 16 | 8 | 8 | 2 |
| d. Health care | 80 | 50 | 30 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 2 | * |
| e. Protecting American democracy | 86 | 61 | 25 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| f. Crime and safety | 79 | 48 | 31 | 16 | 5 | 3 | 2 | * |
| g. U.S. policy on the Israel-Gaza war | 58 | 29 | 29 | 26 | 13 | 8 | 6 | 2 |

8. Which candidate do you think would do a better job handling each of the following, (Alsobrooks), (Hogan) or neither? First, [ITEM]. Do you think (Alsobrooks) would do a better job, (Hogan) would do a better job, or neither would?

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|  | Alsobrooks | Hogan | Neither | No opinion /Skipped |
|---|---|---|---|---|

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. The economy | 38 | 42 | 8 | 11 |
| b. Immigration | 39 | 34 | 13 | 13 |
| c. Abortion | 53 | 24 | 11 | 11 |
| d. Health care | 48 | 31 | 10 | 11 |
| e. Protecting American democracy | 44 | 35 | 10 | 11 |
| f. Crime and safety | 39 | 39 | 10 | 12 |
| g. U.S. policy on the Israel-Gaza war | 35 | 32 | 16 | 18 |

9. Please tell me if your general impression of each is favorable or unfavorable, or if you don't really have an opinion.

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| | Favorable | Unfavorable | No opinion /Skipped |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. Donald Trump | 29 | 62 | 9 |
| b. Kamala Harris | 59 | 32 | 9 |
| c. Larry Hogan | 53 | 27 | 20 |
| d. Angela Alsobrooks | 50 | 22 | 28 |
| e. Chris Van Hollen | 33 | 18 | 50 |

Trend where available:

a-b No trend.

c. Larry Hogan

| | Favorable | Unfavorable | No opinion /Skipped |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9/23/24 | 53 | 27 | 20 |
| 3/12/24 | 64 | 23 | 13 |
| 10/7/18 | 68 | 18 | 14 |
| 6/3/18 | 65 | 20 | 14 |
| 10/5/14* | 33 | 21 | 46 |
| 2/16/14 | 17 | 9 | 74 |

*2014 and previous: For each of the following people and groups, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that person or group, or perhaps you don't know enough to say.

d. Angela Alsobrooks

| | Favorable | Unfavorable | No opinion /Skipped |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9/23/24 | 50 | 22 | 28 |
| 3/12/24 | 26 | 15 | 58 |

e. No trend.

10. Would you describe [ITEM]'s political views as: very conservative, somewhat conservative, middle of the road, somewhat liberal or very liberal?

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|  | --- Conservative ---- | | Middle-of | ------ Liberal ------ | | No op./ |
|  | NET | Very | Somewhat | -the-road | NET | Somewhat | Very | Skipped |
| a. Larry Hogan | 49 | 14 | 36 | 35 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 7 |
| b. Angela Alsobrooks | 8 | 3 | 5 | 17 | 57 | 33 | 24 | 17 |

Trend where available:

a. Larry Hogan

|  | --- Conservative ---- | | Middle-of | ------ Liberal ------ | | No op./ |
|  | NET | Very | Somewhat | -the-road | NET | Somewhat | Very | Skipped |
| 9/23/24 RV | 49 | 14 | 36 | 35 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 7 |
| 10/7/18 RV | 46 | 7 | 40 | 38 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 7 |

b. No trend.


11. If Hogan is elected as a U.S. Senator, do you think he will support the policies of Republican leaders on most major issues or will he act independently of Republican leaders?

|  | Support the policies of Republican leaders | Act independently of Republican leaders | No opinion /Skipped |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9/23/24 RV | 46 | 43 | 11 |


12. If Hogan is elected, do you think he will mainly support abortion rights, mainly support restrictions on abortion, or are you not sure how he will handle this issue?

|  | Mainly support abortion rights | Mainly support restrictions on abortion | Not sure how he will handle this issue | No opinion /Skipped |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/23/24 RV | 20 | 29 | 47 | 4 |


Questions 13-16 held for release.


17. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

|  | ------- Legal ------ | | | ------ Illegal ------ | | No opinion |
|  | NET | All cases | Most cases | NET | Most cases | All cases | /Skipped |
| 9/23/24 RV | 75 | 36 | 39 | 18 | 15 | 4 | 6 |
| 10/26/06 LV | 63 | 23 | 39 | 33 | 21 | 12 | 4 |
| 6/25/06 RV | 63 | 22 | 40 | 35 | 24 | 11 | 3 |
| 10/24/02 LV | 63 | 25 | 38 | 33 | 21 | 12 | 5 |


Questions 18-20 held for release.

21. Should most undocumented immigrants in the U.S. be:

|  | Offered a chance to apply for legal status | Deported to the countries they came from | No opinion /Skipped |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9/23/24 RV | 61 | 31 | 8 |

Questions 22-25 held for release.

26. Thinking ahead to the 2024 presidential election, how confident are you that each of the following people will accept the results of the election if they lose?

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|  | -- More confident --- | | | ----- Less confident ----- | | | No opinion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | NET | Very | Somewhat | NET | Not too | Not at all | /Skipped |
| a. Kamala Harris | 77 | 62 | 16 | 19 | 9 | 10 | 4 |
| b. Donald Trump | 23 | 12 | 12 | 73 | 13 | 60 | 4 |

27. How much responsibility do you think Donald Trump bears for the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol?

|  | -------- More --------- | | | ------ Less ------- | | No opinion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | NET | A great deal | A good amount | NET | Just some | None at all | /Skipped |
| 9/23/24 RV | 61 | 52 | 8 | 36 | 13 | 24 | 3 |

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

Demographics of weighted sample

|  | % of Maryland registered voters |
|---|---|
| Men | 46% |
| Women | 53 |
| Identify some other way | 1 |
|  |  |
| Age 18-39 | 35 |
| Age 40-64 | 41 |
| Age 65+ | 24 |
|  |  |
| High school or less | 26 |
| Some college | 26 |
| Bachelor's degree | 25 |
| Post-graduate | 23 |
|  |  |
| White, non-Hispanic | 59 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 29 |
| Hispanic | 5 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Asian | 5 |
| Other/Multiple | 2 |
| | |
| Montgomery County | 16 |
| Prince George's County | 14 |
| Baltimore City | 10 |
| Central Md. (excluding Baltimore) | 37 |
| Western Md. | 9 |
| Southern Md./Eastern shore | 14 |
| | |
| Registered Democrat | 53 |
| Registered Republican | 24 |
| Registered indep./Other | 23 |

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A total of 1,012 interviews were completed through a stratified random sample from a database of Maryland registered voters maintained by Aristotle, Inc., in which voters have been matched to landline and cellular phone numbers. Only voters who confirmed their name as the sampled registered voter were interviewed.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples.

The sample was weighted to match population estimates for the demographic makeup of Maryland registered voters, as detailed in the table below.

| | Source of weighting benchmarks |
|---|---|
| **Weighting factors** | **Registered voter sample** |
| Sex<br>Race/Ethnicity<br>Education<br>White X College degree | 2018-2022 Current Population Survey (CPS) voting and registration supplement |
| Age<br>Party registration by region within state | Maryland State Board of Elections |
| 2020 Presidential turnout by vote method/timing<br>Turnout in 2016, 2020 and 2022 general elections | Aristotle voter file |
| 2020 Presidential vote choice | Federal Election Commission |

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.3 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision

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