

This Washington Post-University of Maryland poll was conducted by telephone Oct. 9-14, 2019 among a random sample of 860 residents of Maryland including 819 registered voters. Interviews were conducted by live interviewers, including 60 percent interviewed on cellphones and 40 percent on landlines. The results from the full survey and the sample of registered voters both have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt Associates of Rockville, Md.

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

RV=Registered voters *= less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Larry Hogan is handling his job as governor of Maryland? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No op.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/14/19	64	26	38	16	11	6	19
10/14/19 RV	67	29	39	15	10	5	17
10/7/18	68	35	34	17	10	7	15
6/3/18	71	26	45	20	13	7	9
3/19/17	65	27	38	17	11	6	18
9/30/16	71	34	36	18	11	7	11
4/3/16	66	30	36	19	11	8	15
10/11/15	61	28	33	22	13	9	18
2/8/15	42	18	24	24	14	10	34

Compare to:
Martin O'Malley

10/5/14 RV	41	14	27	48	14	34	11
2/16/14	55	21	33	39	12	27	7
2/24/13	49	16	33	41	13	28	10
10/15/12 RV	49	18	31	41	14	28	9
1/26/12	55	16	39	36	15	21	9
10/22/10 RV*	55	21	34	36	15	21	9
9/26/10	57	20	37	33	16	17	11
5/6/10	54	17	37	34	17	17	12
10/20/08 RV	53	14	39	37	16	21	10
10/22/07	53	12	40	36	18	19	11

*"Regardless of how you may vote..."

Bob Ehrlich

10/26/06 LV	55	30	25	42	19	23	3
6/25/06 RV	56	21	36	41	21	20	3
1/7/04 All	62	21	42	28	17	11	10

Parris Glendening:

10/24/02 LV	37	9	29	58	22	37	4
10/22/98 LV	54	16	38	40	21	19	6
6/17/98 LV	55	14	41	36	19	18	9

2. How much would you say Hogan has accomplished as governor: a lot, a fair amount, some, or not much?

--- A lot/Fair amt --- --- Some/Not much --- No

	NET	A lot	Fair amt	NET	Some	Not much	opinion
10/14/19	59	17	42	29	20	9	12
10/14/19 RV	61	18	43	29	19	10	10

Martin O'Malley:

	NET	A lot	Fair amt	NET	Some	Not much	No opinion
10/5/14 RV	42	12	31	52	25	27	6
2/16/14 RV	47	13	34	47	23	24	6
1/26/12 RV	44	9	35	51	30	21	5
10/22/10 LV	51	12	39	47	25	22	2
9/26/10 RV	45	11	34	49	31	19	6
5/6/10 RV	46	8	38	48	29	20	5
10/22/07*	31	4	26	65	31	33	4

*"in his first year"

Bob Ehrlich:

	NET	A lot	Fair amt.	NET	Some	Not much	opin.
6/25/06 RV	48	8	40	51	30	21	2
1/7/04*	50	7	43	45	28	17	4

*"in his first year"

3. I know it is a long way off, but if the 2022 election for U.S. Senate in Maryland were being held today and the candidates were (Chris Van Hollen, the Democrat) and (Larry Hogan, the Republican), for whom would you vote? Which one would you lean toward right now?

	Chris Van Hollen	Larry Hogan	Other (Vol.)	Neither (Vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/14/19	41	51	*	3	1	5
10/14/19 RV	42	50	*	2	1	5

4. How much, if anything, have you heard or read about Hogan setting up political groups that could accept unlimited and anonymous donations to further his agenda? Have you heard or read a lot, a little or nothing at all?

	A lot	A little	Nothing at all	No opinion
10/14/19	2	16	81	*

5. Do you approve or disapprove of Hogan using political groups that can accept unlimited donations to further his agenda?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
10/14/19	27	56	17

6. Which of the following issues do you think is the biggest problem facing the state of Maryland these days: (crime), (taxes), (jobs and the economy), (public education), (climate change), (roads and transit), (affordable housing) or something else?

	10/14/19
Crime	22
Public education	20
Affordable housing	11
Taxes	11
Roads and transit	10

Jobs and the economy	8
Climate change	7
Something else	9
No opinion	2

Compare to:

Which of the following issues do you think is the biggest problem facing the state of Maryland these days: (crime), (taxes), (the state economy), (public education), (transportation), (gun violence), (growth and development) or something else?

	2/24/13
Taxes	19
The state economy	19
Public education	16
Crime	15
Gun violence	13
Something else	7
Transportation	5
Growth and development	4
No opinion	2

7. How much, if anything, have you heard or read about the Kirwan Commission on state education funding? Have you heard or read a lot, a little or nothing at all?

	A lot	A little	Nothing at all	No opinion
10/14/19	7	31	62	*

8. The Kirwan Commission recommended major new programs aimed at improving Maryland's public school system. This would require a 22 percent increase in state education spending over time. In general, would you support or oppose this proposal?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
10/14/19	69	21	9

9a. To fund these new education programs, would you support or oppose increasing the state income tax rate by half of a percentage point? For a household with an income of eighty-thousand dollars, this would amount to 400 dollars more per year. (Order of questions 9a and 9b randomized)

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
10/14/19	45	49	6

9b. To fund these new education programs, would you support or oppose increasing the state income tax rate by a quarter percentage point? For a household with an income of eighty-thousand dollars, this would amount to 200 dollars more per year. (Order of questions 9a and 9b randomized)

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
10/14/19	55	40	5

10. Would you support or oppose legalizing marijuana for personal use and taxing marijuana sales to fund these new education programs?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
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10/14/19 66 31 3

Questions 11-12 held for release.

On another topic,

13. Earlier this year, the state of Maryland banned the use of most Styrofoam or foam cups and containers at restaurants and other retail establishments, for environmental reasons. Do you support or oppose this ban?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
10/14/19	79	17	4

14. Would you support or oppose requiring all new houses and other buildings in Maryland to include rooftop solar panels that convert sunlight into electricity beginning in 2022?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
10/14/19	52	42	6

15. Would you support or oppose the construction of a solar panel farm on a large piece of land within a mile of where you live?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
10/14/19	73	23	4

Question 16 held for release.

17. Have you ever used an e-cigarette or other electronic "vaping" product, even just one time, in your entire life?

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/14/19	30	70	*

18. Do you think using e-cigarettes, sometimes known as vaping, is very safe for people's health, somewhat safe, somewhat harmful or very harmful to people's health?

	----- Safe -----			----- Harmful -----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	opinion
10/14/19	9	2	7	86	27	59	5

19. Would you support or oppose a statewide ban on sales of all flavored e-cigarettes?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
10/14/19	63	34	3

On another issue,

20a. Would you favor or oppose making Washington, D.C. a separate state? (Order of questions 20a and 20b randomized)

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
10/14/19	51	40	9

Compare to national:

Would you favor or oppose making Washington, D.C. a separate state?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
6/30/19*	29	64	8
3/13/06**	22	58	18

*Gallup

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20b. Would you favor or oppose making Puerto Rico a separate state? (Order of questions 20a and 20b randomized)

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
10/14/19	58	32	11

Compare to national:

Would you favor or oppose having Puerto Rico admitted as a state in the Union?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
6/30/19*	66	27	7

*Gallup

21. As you may know, Washington, D.C. has a delegate in Congress, but that person is not allowed to vote on laws. Would you support or oppose new legislation giving D.C. a full voting member in the U.S. House of Representatives?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
10/14/19	76	20	4

22. Another proposal is for D.C. to change from being an independent district to a new county in Maryland. Would you support or oppose this proposal?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
10/14/19	36	57	7

23. Next, I'm going to read you some arguments some people have made for or against making Washington, D.C. a separate state. Would you favor or oppose making D.C. a state if you heard that [ITEM]?

How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NEEDED: Would you favor or oppose making D.C. a separate state if you heard that [ITEM]?

10/14/19 - Summary table

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
a. D.C. has more residents than Wyoming and Vermont	58	36	6
b. Some D.C. elected officials have had corruption scandals in recent years	41	51	8
c. D.C. residents pay federal taxes	67	27	6
d. D.C. residents can move to a state if they want congressional representation	51	38	11
e. Democrats would likely gain two additional seats in the U.S. Senate	58	37	5

Questions 24-27 held for release.

Party registration: (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Are you registered as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or something else?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	No opinion
10/14/19 RV	55	25	17	1	1
10/7/18 RV	55	26	15	2	1
6/3/18 RV	55	26	15	2	2

** END **

METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and the University of Maryland's Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement within the College of Behavioral and Social Science's Department of Government and Politics. The poll includes interviews in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as appears in this document. Demographics are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Questions that contain parenthetical phrases indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents. Trended references to results with "RV" indicate results among registered voters.

A total of 260 interviews were completed using dual frame Random Digit Dialing (RDD) procedures of landline and cellular phones in Maryland, while 600 interviews were completed by randomly sampling from a database of Maryland registered voters maintained by Aristotle, Inc., in which voters have been matched to landline and cellular phone numbers. The sample of registered voters was weighted to match the proportions of Democrats, Republicans and other registrants according to the Maryland Board of Elections.

In the RDD sample and cellphone voter file sample, interviewers called first requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. In the voter file landline sample, interviewers confirmed respondents' names were the same as those listed in the voter registration database. The total sample included 343 interviews on landlines and 517 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 262 interviews with adults in cellphone-only households.

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 overall sample is weighted to correct for differential probabilities of selection among individuals who were interviewed through the RDD and voter list samples based on the size of each frame.

Weights correct for differential probability of selection for landline-only, cellphone-only and dual phone users. Results are also weighted to match the demographic makeup of the population according to the latest American Community Survey by age, race/ethnicity, sex, education and by region of Maryland, and the National Health Interview Survey by telephone usage. The sample of registered voters was weighted to match the share of voters registered with each party by region.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.7 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 due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

Group	Unweighted sample size	Error margin (+/-)	% of weighted sample	Maryland Board of Elections*
All adults	860	4.5 points	--	NA
Registered voters	819	4.5	--	100%
Democrats	453	6	55%	55%
Republicans	209	9	25	25
Indep/Other	157	10.5	19	20

*September 2019 voter registration statistics

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