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Methodology

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This survey was conducted by *Gonzales Research & Marketing Strategies* from September 19th through September 27th, 2011. A total of 805 registered voters in Maryland who vote regularly were interviewed by telephone. A cross-section of interviews was conducted in each jurisdiction within the state to reflect general election voting patterns.

The margin of error (MOE), according to customary statistical standards, is no more than plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. There is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figures would fall within this range if the entire survey universe were sampled. The margin for error is higher for any demographic subgroup, such as gender or race.

Maryland Statewide Poll Sample Demographics

<u>PARTY AFFILIATION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Democrat	452	56.1 %
Republican	252	31.3 %
<u>Independent</u>	101	12.5 %
Total	805	100.0 %

<u>RACE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	596	74.0 %
African-American	189	23.5 %
<u>Other/Refused</u>	20	2.5 %
Total	805	100.0 %

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	383	47.6 %
<u>Female</u>	422	52.4 %
Total	805	100.0 %

<u>REGION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Eastern Sh/So MD	117	14.5 %
Baltimore City	72	8.9 %
Baltimore Suburbs	291	36.1 %
Washington Suburbs	234	29.1 %
<u>Western MD</u>	91	11.3 %
Total	805	100.0 %

Regional Groupings are as follows:

Eastern Shore/ Southern Md	Baltimore City	Baltimore Suburbs	Washington Suburbs	Western Maryland
Calvert Co.	Baltimore City	Anne Arundel Co.	Montgomery Co.	Allegany Co.
Caroline Co.		Baltimore Co.	Prince George's Co.	Carroll Co.
Cecil Co.		Harford Co.		Frederick Co.
Charles Co.		Howard Co.		Garrett Co.
Dorchester Co.				Washington Co.
Kent Co.				
Queen Anne's Co.				
Somerset Co.				
St. Mary's Co.				
Talbot Co.				
Wicomico Co.				
Worcester Co.				

Summary

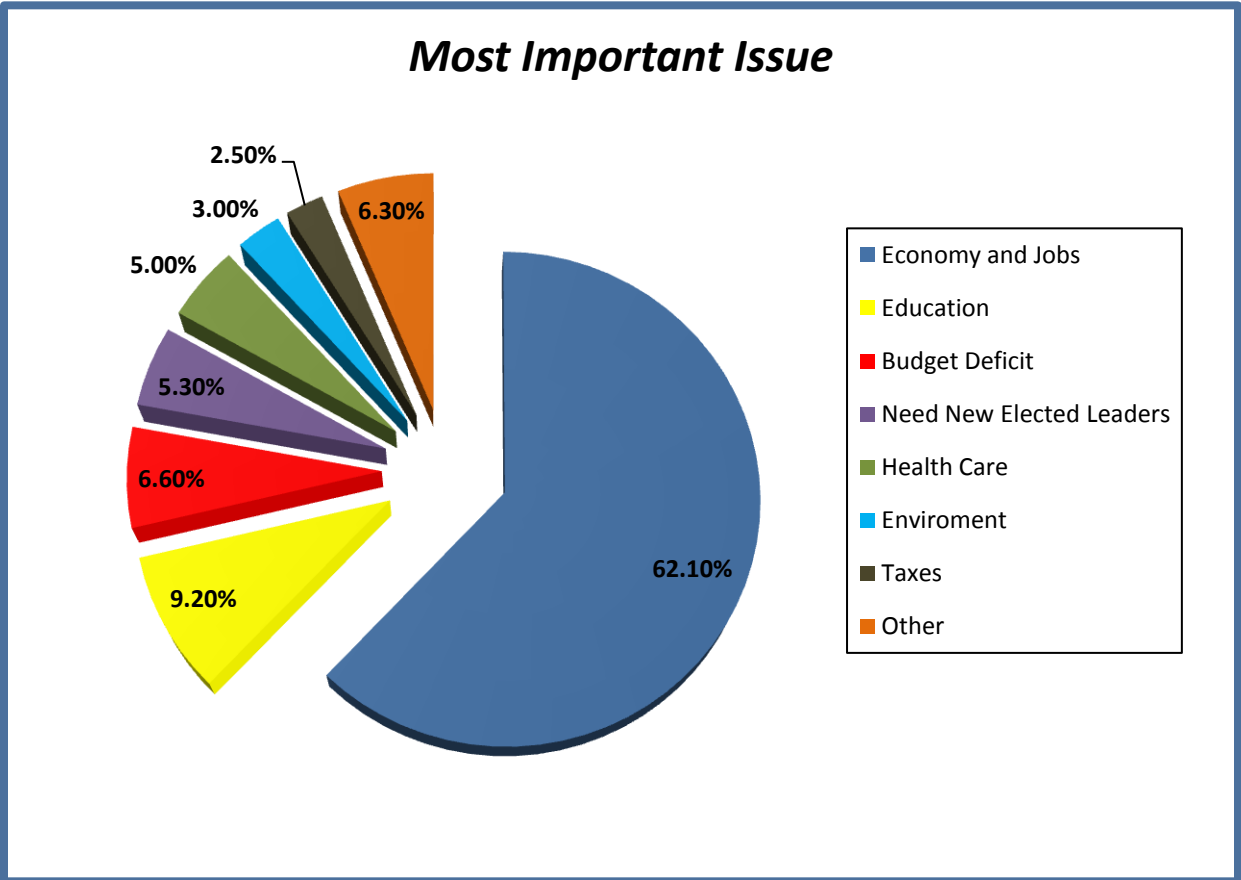
Most Important Issue facing State

And it persists, and persists, and...

Economy and jobs remains the top issue facing the State. Marylanders, much like the rest of the nation, recognize the impact an economic recovery would have on the state and ultimately provide the capital necessary to advance private and public programs. With unemployment, underemployment, and worries of job retention, it's easy to understand the focused majority on this issue.

Statewide, 62% of voters say that the economy is the most important issue facing the state, while 9% say it is education and 7% cite the budget deficit.

Concern about the economy spans party lines, being most important for 61% of Democrats, 66% of Republicans, and 60% of independents.



President Barack Obama Job Approval

President Obama’s job approval rating has dipped considerably since the first of the year.

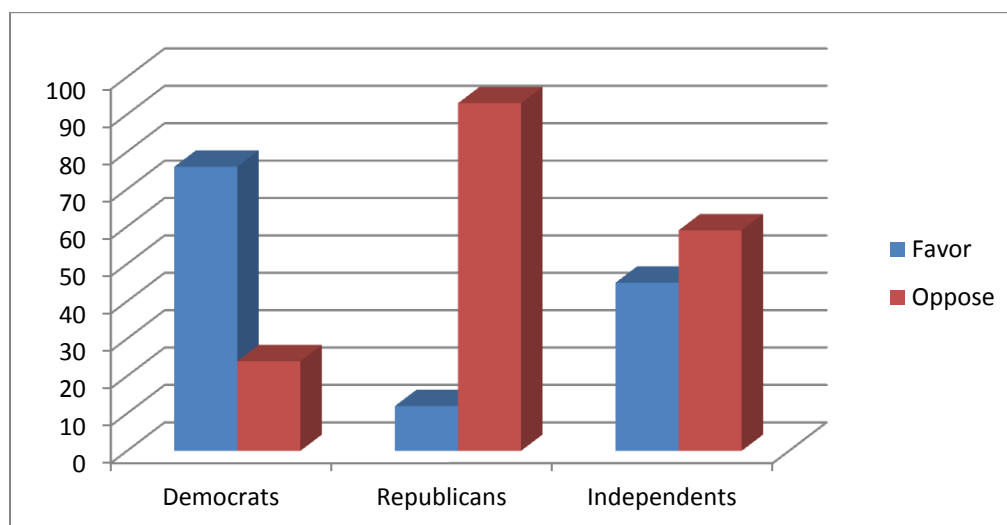
Statewide, 49% approve of the job he is doing as president (down 5 points), while 47% disapprove (up 7 points).

Obama Job Approval	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
September 2011	49%	47%	4%
January 2011	54%	40%	6%
October 2010	52%	43%	5%
July 2010	51%	38%	11%
January 2010	56%	30%	14%
September 2009	58%	31%	11%
January 2009	80%	11%	9%

By party, 73% of Democrats approve of the job Obama is doing and 21% disapprove, while among Republicans only 9% approve and 90% disapprove. With independents, 43% approve and 56% disapprove.

Among African-American voters in the Free State, 85% approve of the job President Obama is doing.

Figure 1 Obama Job Approval by Party



Governor Martin O'Malley Job Approval

During a time that is driven by uncertainty and anxiety, Governor Martin O'Malley maintains a fairly solid position with the state's electorate overall.

Statewide, 52% of Maryland voters approve of the job O'Malley is doing as governor, while 40% disapprove, with 8% offering no opinion.

By party, 71% of Democrats approve of the job O'Malley is doing as governor, while 74% of Republicans disapprove...among independents 54% approve and 43% disapprove.

O'Malley Job Approval	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
September 2011	52%	40%	8%
January 2011	58%	30%	13%
October 2010	48%	44%	8%
July 2010	48%	39%	13%
January 2010	46%	36%	18%
September 2009	48%	37%	15%
January 2009	49%	37%	14%
September 2008	45%	35%	20%
March 2008	37%	48%	15%
January 2008	39%	49%	12%
October 2007	46%	31%	23%
March 2007	52%	21%	27%

Hypothetical Democratic Primary Presidential Match-Up

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, in our opinion, is the 2nd most potent political force in this country. When we asked Democrats in Maryland their preference for president "if the primary election were held today," we discovered the power of incumbency.

Statewide, 67% of Democrats in the state say they would vote for Barack Obama if he were to face a challenge and 27% say they would vote for Hillary Rodham Clinton...a 40 point margin for the President.

If Ms. Clinton wants to become president, she has 2 basic options – wait until 2016 and see how the electorate receives a 69-year old candidate (it was done successfully 31 years ago) or challenge Obama this election. But if she chooses the latter, she will have to do so on conviction alone...because the numbers are not there at this point.

General Election Presidential Match-Up

We sought to test in Maryland a true general election match-up for the President...so we chose Mitt Romney as the GOP nominee and neighboring Governor Bob McDonnell as his running mate.

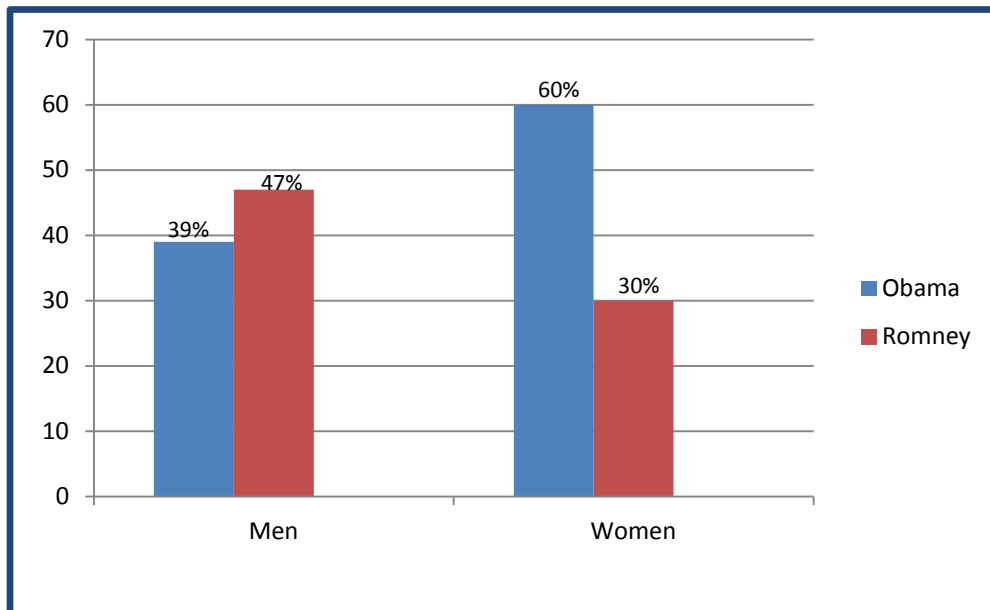
Statewide, 50% of Maryland voters say they would vote for the Democratic ticket of Barack Obama and Joe Biden, 38% say they would vote for the Republican ticket, and 12% are undecided.

The results by party:

	<u>Obama-Biden</u>	<u>Romney-McDonnell</u>
Democrats	75%	18%
Republicans	10%	70%
Independents	42%	48%

A huge gender gap exists:

Figure 2 Presidential Match-up



Ben Cardin Re-elect

Sixty-three percent of Maryland voters will either definitely (32%) vote for U.S. Senator Ben Cardin or consider (31%) voting for him when he seeks re-election next year, while 25% say they will definitely not vote for him, with 12% undecided.

Over a third of GOP voters say they would consider voting for Cardin...not the result a Republican hopeful for the office wants to see.

Direction of State

Forty-four percent of Marylanders think things in the state are moving in the right direction, while 47% think things are moving in the wrong direction, and 9% offered no opinion.

The results by party:

	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Direction</u>
Democrats	57%	32%
Republicans	21%	72%
Independents	45%	49%

Budget Situation in Maryland

Thirty-six percent of Marylanders think the current budget situation in Maryland is a crisis, 46% think it's a major problem but not a crisis, 12% say it's a minor problem, and 2% think it's not a problem at all.

Among respondents, 21% favor cutting services like education and health care to eliminate the state budget deficit, 30% support increasing taxes, 34% favor a combination of both to eliminate the deficit, and 15% had no opinion. Among those who favored a combination of both approaches, 27% would rely more on cutting services and 53% would lean more on increasing taxes.

When read a list of services the state provides, 31% say kindergarten through 12th grade public education is the one service most important to protect from budget cuts, 15% say it's health care for children, 13% say public safety and 12% say health care for seniors.

Same-Sex Marriage

Among Maryland voters today, 48% would favor (38% “strongly” favor and 10% “somewhat” favor) a law in Maryland allowing same-sex couples to marry, “giving them the same legal rights as heterosexual married couples in areas such as tax exemptions, inheritance and pension coverage,” while 49% would oppose (39% “strongly” oppose and 10% “somewhat” oppose) such a law, and 3% offered no opinion.

The results by party and race:

	<u>FAVOR</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>
Democrats	64%	32%
Republicans	20%	79%
Independents	47%	51%
White	51%	46%
African-American	41%	59%

Here is the political predicament for proponents of same-sex marriage in Maryland: 64% of Democrats overall favor it, but among African-Americans, typically the Party’s most consistent constituency, 59% are in opposition.



Dream Act

Forty-seven percent agree (30% “strongly” agree and 17% “somewhat” agree) that “children of immigrants who are not in the state legally should be given the opportunity to receive Maryland in-state college tuition rates if they have graduated from a Maryland high school and their parents can prove they have filed Maryland state tax returns for the past 3 years,” while 51% disagree (39% “strongly” agree and 12% “somewhat” disagree).

The results by party and race:

	<u>AGREE</u>	<u>DISAGREE</u>
Democrats	60%	37%
Republicans	25%	74%
Independents	43%	54%
White	43%	55%
African-American	59%	38%

Slots and Table Games

Among voters, 41% would favor (27% “strongly” favor and 14% “somewhat” favor) increasing the number of slot machines and locations in Maryland, with 55% opposing (42% “strongly” oppose and 13% “somewhat” oppose) expansion of slots.

By party:

	<u>FAVOR</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>
Democrats	42%	54%
Republicans	35%	60%
Independents	49%	45%

Democrats and Republicans are in general agreement with their opposition to the expansion of slots in the state.

Fifty-one percent, however, would favor (29% “strongly” favor and 22% “somewhat” favor) allowing table games such as blackjack and poker in Maryland, while 46% oppose (35% “strongly” oppose and 11% “somewhat” oppose) allowing table games.

Interestingly, 23% of those oppose the expansion of slots favor allowing table games, putting it in a slight majority.

With the states surrounding Maryland already including parlor games at their sites, this, for some, would be the next logical step to try to keep gambling revenue in the state.

QUESTION: *What do you consider the most important issue facing Maryland today?*

<u>MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Economy/jobs	500	62.1 %
Education	74	9.2 %
Budget deficit	53	6.6 %
Need new elected leaders	43	5.3 %
Health care	40	5.0 %
Environment	24	3.0 %
Taxes	20	2.5 %
Transportation/roads	16	2.0 %
Crime/drugs	7	0.9 %
Illegal immigration	7	0.9 %
Affordable housing	4	0.5 %
Growth/development	4	0.5 %
<u>No answer</u>	13	1.6 %
Total	805	100.0 %

<u>MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE</u>												
<u>Eco-</u>	<u>Bud-</u>	<u>Edu-</u>	<u>Heal-</u>	<u>Crim-</u>	<u>Envi-</u>	<u>Need</u>	<u>Tran-</u>	<u>Affo-</u>	<u>Illega-</u>	<u>Grow</u>		
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PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	274 60.6%	11 2.4%	23 5.1%	55 12.2%	32 7.1%	4 0.9%	20 4.4%	18 4.0%	3 0.7%	3 0.7%	1 0.2%	2 0.4%
Republican	165 65.5%	6 2.4%	27 10.7%	6 2.4%	6 2.4%	1 0.4%	3 1.2%	16 6.3%	12 4.8%	0 0.0%	5 2.0%	1 0.4%
Independent	61 60.4%	3 3.0%	3 3.0%	13 12.9%	2 2.0%	2 2.0%	1 1.0%	9 8.9%	1 1.0%	1 1.0%	1 1.0%	1 1.0%



Concern about the economy spans party lines.

QUESTION: *Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?*

JOB APPROVAL: BARACK OBAMA		Number	Percent
Approve		395	49.1 %
Disapprove		379	47.1 %
No answer		31	3.9 %
Total		805	100.0 %

	JOB APPROVAL: BARACK OBAMA		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
<u>PARTY AFFILIATION</u>			
Democrat	329 72.8%	96 21.2%	27 6.0%
Republican	23 9.1%	226 89.7%	3 1.2%
Independent	43 42.6%	57 56.4%	1 1.0%

“Loyal opposition” is one thing...no incumbent, however, wants to see this level of antipathy from the opposing party.

	JOB APPROVAL: BARACK OBAMA		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
<u>RACE</u>			
White	228 38.3%	343 57.6%	25 4.2%
African-American	160 84.7%	24 12.7%	5 2.6%

	JOB APPROVAL: BARACK OBAMA		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
<u>GENDER</u>			
Male	150 39.2%	223 58.2%	10 2.6%
Female	245 58.1%	156 37.0%	21 5.0%

QUESTION: *Do you approve or disapprove of the job Martin O'Malley is doing as governor?*

<u>JOB APPROVAL: MARTIN O'MALLEY</u>		Number	Percent
Approve		417	51.8 %
Disapprove		322	40.0 %
No answer		66	8.2 %
Total		805	100.0 %

JOB APPROVAL: MARTIN O'MALLEY

Approve	Disapprove	No answer
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PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	321 71.0%	93 20.6%	38 8.4%
Republican	41 16.3%	186 73.8%	25 9.9%
Independent	55 54.5%	43 42.6%	3 3.0%

JOB APPROVAL: MARTIN O'MALLEY

Approve	Disapprove	No answer
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RACE

White	278 46.6%	280 47.0%	38 6.4%
African-American	133 70.4%	34 18.0%	22 11.6%

JOB APPROVAL: MARTIN O'MALLEY

Approve	Disapprove	No answer
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GENDER

Male	166 43.3%	191 49.9%	26 6.8%
Female	251 59.5%	131 31.0%	40 9.5%

QUESTION: *If the 2012 Democratic primary election were held today, for whom would you vote for president if the candidates were Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton?*

<u>DEMOCRATIC MATCH-UP</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Obama	301	66.6 %
Clinton	121	26.8 %
Undecided	30	6.6 %
Total	452	100.0 %

N=452

<u>DEMOCRATIC MATCH-UP</u>		
<u>Obama</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

RACE

White	130 51.2%	105 41.3%	19 7.5%
African-American	166 90.2%	9 4.9%	9 4.9%

<u>DEMOCRATIC MATCH-UP</u>		
<u>Obama</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

GENDER

Male	98 65.3%	43 28.7%	9 6.0%
Female	203 67.2%	78 25.8%	21 7.0%

QUESTION: *If the 2012 general election were held today for whom would you vote for president: the Democratic ticket of Barack Obama, President and Joe Biden, Vice President...or the Republican ticket of Mitt Romney, President and Bob McDonnell, Vice President?*

<u>PRESIDENTIAL TICKET MATCH-UP</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Obama-Biden	405	50.3 %
Romney-McDonnell	307	38.1 %
Undecided	93	11.6 %
Total	805	100.0 %

<u>PRESIDENTIAL TICKET MATCH-UP</u>		
<u>Obama-Biden</u>	<u>Romney-McDonnell</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	337 74.6%	82 18.1%	33 7.3%
Republican	26 10.3%	176 69.8%	50 19.8%
Independent	42 41.6%	49 48.5%	10 9.9%

<u>PRESIDENTIAL TICKET MATCH-UP</u>		
<u>Obama-Biden</u>	<u>Romney-McDonnell</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

RACE

White	240 40.3%	270 45.3%	86 14.4%
African-American	156 82.5%	28 14.8%	5 2.6%

Massive gender gap

<u>PRESIDENTIAL TICKET MATCH-UP</u>		
<u>Obama-Biden</u>	<u>Romney-McDonnell</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

GENDER

Male	151 39.4%	180 47.0%	52 13.6%
Female	254 60.2%	127 30.1%	41 9.7%

QUESTION: *In 2012 United States Senator Ben Cardin will be seeking re-election. Would you say you will definitely vote for him, you will consider voting for him, or you definitely will not vote for him?*

<u>BEN CARDIN RE-ELECT</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Definitely vote for him	260	32.3 %
Consider voting for him	247	30.7 %
Definitely will not vote for him	203	25.2 %
Undecided	95	11.8 %
Total	805	100.0 %

<u>BEN CARDIN RE-ELECT</u>			
<u>Definitely vote for him</u>	<u>Consider voting for him</u>	<u>Definitely will not vote for him</u>	<u>Undecided</u>

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	230 50.9%	133 29.4%	32 7.1%	57 12.6%
Republican	6 2.4%	85 33.7%	129 51.2%	32 12.7%
Independent	24 23.8%	29 28.7%	42 41.6%	6 5.9%

36% of Republicans will at least consider voting for Cardin

QUESTION: *Overall, do you think things in Maryland are moving in the right direction or do you think things are moving in the wrong direction?*

<u>DIRECTION OF STATE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Right direction	355	44.1 %
Wrong direction	376	46.7 %
No answer	74	9.2 %
Total	805	100.0 %

<u>DIRECTION OF STATE</u>		
<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	256 56.6%	144 31.9%	52 11.5%
Republican	54 21.4%	182 72.2%	16 6.3%
Independent	45 44.6%	50 49.5%	6 5.9%

QUESTION: *From what you have heard or seen about the current budget situation in Maryland, would you say it is a crisis, a major problem but not a crisis, a minor problem, or not a problem at all?*

<u>CURRENT BUDGET SITUATION IN MD</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Crisis	291	36.1 %
Major problem	371	46.1 %
Minor problem	99	12.3 %
Not a problem at all	17	2.1 %
No answer	27	3.4 %
Total	805	100.0 %

	<u>CURRENT BUDGET SITUATION IN MD</u>				
	<u>Crisis</u>	<u>Major problem</u>	<u>Minor problem</u>	<u>Not a problem at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>PARTY AFFILIATION</u>					
Democrat	139 30.8%	215 47.6%	80 17.7%	13 2.9%	5 1.1%
Republican	119 47.2%	106 42.1%	14 5.6%	1 0.4%	12 4.8%
Independent	33 32.7%	50 49.5%	5 5.0%	3 3.0%	10 9.9%

	<u>CURRENT BUDGET SITUATION IN MD</u>				
	<u>Crisis</u>	<u>Major problem</u>	<u>Minor problem</u>	<u>Not a problem at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>RACE</u>					
White	235 39.4%	260 43.6%	66 11.1%	10 1.7%	25 4.2%
African-American	51 27.0%	100 52.9%	31 16.4%	7 3.7%	0 0.0%

QUESTION: Which of the following approaches do you favor to eliminate the state budget deficit – cutting services like education and health care; increasing taxes; or a combination of both?

<u>BEST APPROACH TO ELIMINATE DEFICIT</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Cut services	171	21.2 %
Increase taxes	238	29.6 %
Both	277	34.4 %
No answer	119	14.8 %
Total	805	100.0 %

<u>BEST APPROACH TO ELIMINATE DEFICIT</u>			
<u>Cut services</u>	<u>Increase taxes</u>	<u>Both</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	19 4.2%	203 44.9%	171 37.8%	59 13.1%
Republican	116 46.0%	1 0.4%	85 33.7%	50 19.8%
Independent	36 35.6%	34 33.7%	21 20.8%	10 9.9%

<u>IF BOTH</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Cut services	76	27.4 %
Increase taxes	148	53.4 %
Both	16	5.8 %
No answer	37	13.4 %
Total	277	100.0 %

<u>IF BOTH</u>			
<u>Cut services</u>	<u>Increase taxes</u>	<u>Both</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	38 22.2%	108 63.2%	1 0.6%	24 14.0%
Republican	28 32.9%	31 36.5%	14 16.5%	12 14.1%
Independent	10 47.6%	9 42.9%	1 4.8%	1 4.8%

QUESTION: *Now I'd like to read you a list of services the state provides. After I read the list, please tell me which ONE service is most important to protect from budget cuts.*

<u>MOST IMPORTANT TO PROTECT FROM CUTS</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
K-12 public education	248	30.8 %
Health care for children	120	14.9 %
Public safety	103	12.8 %
Health care for seniors	93	11.6 %
Higher education	59	7.3 %
Transportation	35	4.3 %
None	35	4.3 %
All	65	8.1 %
No answer	47	5.8 %
Total	805	100.0 %

Public education tops any other by a better than 2-to-1 margin.

MOST IMPORTANT TO PROTECT FROM CUTS

<u>K-12 public education</u>	<u>Higher education</u>	<u>Health care for childr...</u>	<u>Health care for seniors</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Public safety</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	170 37.6%	26 5.8%	85 18.8%	53 11.7%	12 2.7%	19 4.2%	11 2.4%	49 10.8%	27 6.0%
Republican	51 20.2%	17 6.7%	21 8.3%	32 12.7%	22 8.7%	71 28.2%	23 9.1%	7 2.8%	8 3.2%
Independent	27 26.7%	16 15.8%	14 13.9%	8 7.9%	1 1.0%	13 12.9%	1 1.0%	9 8.9%	12 11.9%

QUESTION: *Would you favor or oppose a law in Maryland allowing same-sex couples to marry, giving them the same legal rights as heterosexual married couples in areas such as tax exemptions, inheritance and pension coverage?*

<u>MARRIAGE FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Favor	388	48.2 %
Oppose	395	49.1 %
No answer	22	2.7 %
Total	805	100.0 %

<u>MARRIAGE FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Strongly favor	309	38.4 %
Somewhat favor	79	9.8 %
Somewhat oppose	84	10.4 %
Strongly oppose	311	38.6 %
No answer	22	2.7 %
Total	805	100.0 %

<u>PARTY AFFILIATION</u>	<u>MARRIAGE FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES</u>		
	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Democrat	290 64.2%	144 31.9%	18 4.0%
Republican	51 20.2%	199 79.0%	2 0.8%
Independent	47 46.5%	52 51.5%	2 2.0%

64% of Democrats favor same-sex marriage...

<u>RACE</u>	<u>MARRIAGE FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES</u>		
	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
White	303 50.8%	273 45.8%	20 3.4%
African-American	77 40.7%	111 58.7%	1 0.5%

...but 59% of African-American voters oppose it.

QUESTION: *Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: Children of immigrants who are not in the state legally should be given the opportunity to receive Maryland in-state college tuition rates if they have graduated from a Maryland high school and their parents can prove they have filed Maryland state tax returns for the past 3 years?*

<u>IN-STATE TUITION RATES</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agree	375	46.6 %
Disagree	412	51.2 %
No answer	18	2.2 %
Total	805	100.0 %

<u>IN-STATE TUITION RATES</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Strongly agree	239	29.7 %
Somewhat agree	136	16.9 %
Somewhat disagree	97	12.0 %
Strongly disagree	315	39.1 %
No answer	18	2.2 %
Total	805	100.0 %

IN-STATE TUITION RATES

<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Somewhat disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	180 39.8%	91 20.1%	65 14.4%	103 22.8%	13 2.9%
Republican	25 9.9%	38 15.1%	26 10.3%	162 64.3%	1 0.4%
Independent	34 33.7%	7 6.9%	6 5.9%	50 49.5%	4 4.0%

IN-STATE TUITION RATES

<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Somewhat disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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RACE

White	177 29.7%	79 13.3%	70 11.7%	260 43.6%	10 1.7%
African-American	55 29.1%	56 29.6%	23 12.2%	50 26.5%	5 2.6%

QUESTION: *Currently, a total of 15,000 slot machines are permitted at 5 locations in Maryland – Anne Arundel County, Cecil County, Baltimore City, Ocean City, and at Rocky Gap in Western Maryland. Some lawmakers want to expand the number of locations and machines. Would you favor or oppose increasing the number of slot machines and locations in Maryland?*

MORE SLOTS AND LOCATIONS	Number	Percent
Favor	328	40.7 %
Oppose	442	54.9 %
No answer	35	4.3 %
Total	805	100.0 %

MORE SLOTS AND LOCATIONS	Number	Percent
Strongly favor	214	26.6 %
Somewhat favor	114	14.2 %
Somewhat oppose	104	12.9 %
Strongly oppose	338	42.0 %
No answer	35	4.3 %
Total	805	100.0 %

MORE SLOTS AND LOCATIONS

Favor	Oppose	No answer
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PARTY AFFILIATION

Democrat	189 41.8%	245 54.2%	18 4.0%
Republican	89 35.3%	152 60.3%	11 4.4%
Independent	50 49.5%	45 44.6%	6 5.9%

MORE SLOTS AND LOCATIONS

Favor	Oppose	No answer
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RACE

White	204 34.2%	367 61.6%	25 4.2%
African-American	119 63.0%	63 33.3%	7 3.7%

QUESTION: *Would you favor or oppose allowing table games such as blackjack and poker in Maryland?*

<u>ALLOWING TABLE GAMES</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Favor	408	50.7 %
Oppose	367	45.6 %
No answer	30	3.7 %
Total	805	100.0 %

<u>ALLOWING TABLE GAMES</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Strongly favor	235	29.2 %
Somewhat favor	173	21.5 %
Somewhat oppose	87	10.8 %
Strongly oppose	280	34.8 %
No answer	30	3.7 %
Total	805	100.0 %

Here's why a majority support allowing table games...23% of Maryland voters who oppose the expansion of slots favor allowing table games.

	<u>ALLOWING TABLE GAMES</u>		
	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>MORE SLOTS AND LOCATIONS</u>			
Favor	295 89.9%	25 7.6%	8 2.4%
Oppose	101 22.9%	330 74.7%	11 2.5%
No answer	12 34.3%	12 34.3%	11 31.4%