## March 2019

# Gonzales Maryland Survey



**Gonzales Poll** 

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### Background and Methodology

Patrick E. Gonzales graduated magna cum laude from the University of Baltimore with a degree in political science.

His career in the field of public opinion research began in the mid-1980s as an analyst with *Mason-Dixon Opinion Research*. During this time, Mr. Gonzales helped develop, craft and implement election surveys and exit polls for television and radio in the Baltimore-Washington D.C. metro area.

Patrick Gonzales has polled and analyzed well over a thousand elections in Maryland and across the country since that time. Furthermore, Mr. Gonzales and his associates have conducted numerous market research projects, crafting message development plans and generating strategy blueprints for businesses and organizations throughout the state.

Over his 35 years conducting public opinion polls, Patrick Gonzales has been widely recognized by his peers for his ability to conduct impartial surveys, and analyze the results in an unbiased, evenhanded manner.

Mr. Gonzales frequently appears on radio and television throughout the Baltimore-D.C. region as a guest commentator.

This poll was conducted by **Gonzales Research & Media Services** from February 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. A total of 817 registered voters in Maryland, who indicated that they vote regularly in general elections, were queried by live telephone interviews, utilizing both landline and cell phone numbers. A cross-section of interviews was conducted throughout the state, reflecting general election voting patterns.

The margin of error (MOE), per accepted statistical standards, is a range of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. If the entire population was surveyed, there is a 95% probability that the true numbers would fall within this range.

### Gonzales Poll March 2019 Results

### Public Poll Question – Minimum Wage

Among voters, 60% favor the idea of a law requiring all employers in Maryland to pay their workers a minimum salary of \$15 per hour (43% "strongly favor" and 17% "somewhat favor"), while 35% oppose a law requiring a \$15 per hour minimum wage (27% "strongly oppose" and 8% "somewhat oppose"), with 5% offering no response.

### **Minimum Wage if Prices Increase**

We asked Maryland voters their opinion on a law requiring employers to a \$15 per hour minimum wage *if it resulted in significantly higher prices for things like eating out, retail goods and services?* 

Statewide, 46% favor a \$15 minimum wage even if it results in higher prices (28% "strongly favor" and 18% "somewhat favor"), while 47% oppose a law requiring a \$15 per hour minimum wage if it results in higher prices (38% "strongly oppose" and 9% "somewhat oppose"), with 7% giving no answer.



Strong support for a \$15 minimum wage drops 15 points (43% to 28%) and strong

opposition jumps 11 points (27% to 38%) if it means higher prices for things like eating out, retail goods and services.

### Minimum Wage if Low-Skill Jobs Are Lost

We also asked Maryland voters their opinion on a law requiring employers to a \$15 per hour minimum wage *if it resulted in a loss of jobs for low-skill workers, such as employees in the fast-food industry?* Support for a \$15 minimum wage plummets in this case.

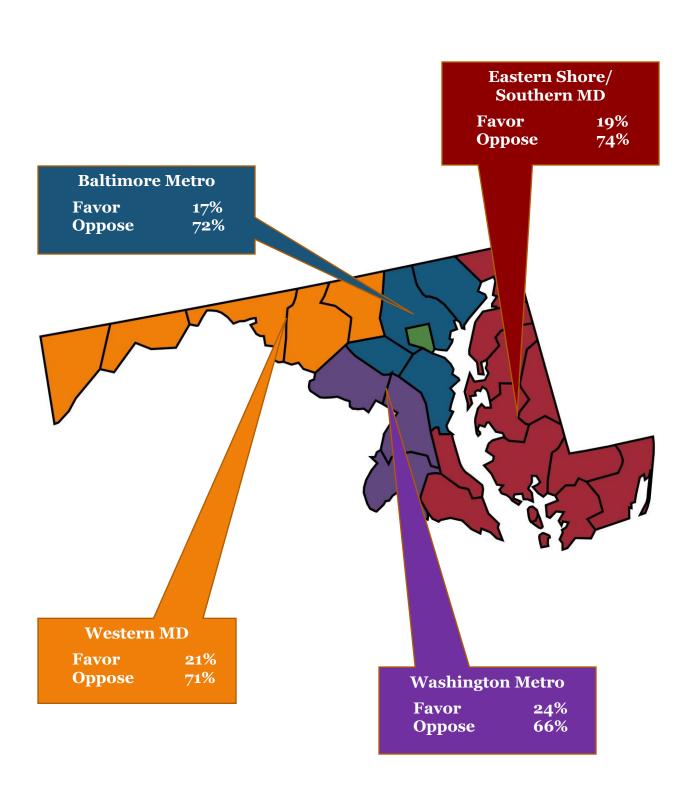
Statewide, only 20% favor a \$15 minimum wage if it results in a loss of jobs for low-skill workers (12% "strongly favor" and 8% "somewhat favor"), while 70% would oppose a law requiring a \$15 per hour minimum wage if it results in a loss of low-skill jobs (55% "strongly oppose" and 15% "somewhat oppose"), with 10% giving no response.

The results by party, gender, age, and race:

\$15 Min Wage if Jobs Are L	ost <u>Favor</u>	<b>Oppose</b>	<u>No Answer</u>
Democrat	23%	63%	14%
Republican	11%	85%	4%
Independent	27%	65%	8%
Men	20%	70%	10%
Women	20%	69%	11%
Under 55	20%	70%	10%
55 and older	21%	69%	10%
White	18%	72%	10%
African-American	24%	64%	10%
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	Only 23% of De	emocrats favor	
	a da anti-a da anti-a da anti-a da anti-	ninimum wage	
		a loss of jobs	
	for low-sk	ill workers	

Fifty-seven percent of Maryland voters who favor the concept of a \$15 minimum wage **oppose** it if a loss of jobs for low-skill workers is the result.

### Minimum Wage if Jobs Are Lost by Region



### Synopsis

The abstract concept of a legislated mandatory \$15 minimum wage for all workers in Maryland has, at first blush, resonance for many voters in the state. However, when presented with concrete possible outcomes of a mandated minimum wage, voter attitudes shift markedly.

As an example, 79% of Democrats in Maryland favor the idea of a law requiring all employers in Maryland to pay their workers a minimum salary of \$15 per hour. But when asked their opinion about a \$15 minimum mandated wage if it were to result in higher prices for goods and services, support drops to 59% with Democrats. And, when asked about a \$15 minimum wage if a consequence was a loss of jobs for low-skill workers, such as those in the fast food industry...support among Democrats plunges to 23%.

The Maryland General Assembly needs to exhibit contemplation and deliberation as minimum wage legislation winds its way through the process in Annapolis.

### Appendix A: Data Tables

**QUESTION #1 Higher Prices** Would you favor or oppose a statewide \$15 minimum wage if it resulted in significantly higher prices for things like eating out, retail goods and services?

<b>\$15 MINIMUM WAGE IF PRICES INCREASE</b>	Number	Percent
Favor	373	45.7 %
Oppose	390	47.7 %
No answer	54	6.6 %
Total	817	100.0 %

#### Is that strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?

<b>\$15 MINIMUM WAGE IF PRICES INCREASE</b>	Number	Percent
Strongly Favor	228	27.9 %
Somewhat Favor	145	17.7 %
Somewhat Oppose	77	9.4 %
Strongly Oppose	313	38.3 %
No answer	54	6.6 %
Total	817	100.0 %

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		Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	
	Strongly Favor	Favor	Oppose	Oppose	No answer
PARTY					
Democrat	173	99	43	105	39
	37.7%	21.6%	9.4%	22.9%	8.5%
Republican	19	22	21	153	11
	8.4%	9.7%	9.3%	67.7%	4.9%
Unaffiliated	36	24	13	55	4
Charmatea	27.3%	18.2%	9.8%	41.7%	3.0%
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	Strongly Favor	Favor	Oppose	Oppose	No answer
<u>GENDER</u>					
Male	93	59	33	164	30
whate	24.5%	15.6%	8.7%	43.3%	7.9%
Female	135	86	44	149	24
1 cilluic	30.8%	19.6%	10.0%	34.0%	5.5%

N=817		\$15 MINIMUM	I WAGE IF PRIC	ES INCREASE	
	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
<u>AGE</u>					
18 to 34	50	31	17	64	11
	28.9%	17.9%	9.8%	37.0%	6.4%
35 to 44	37	30	6	46	5
	29.8%	24.2%	4.8%	37.1%	4.0%
45 to 54	47	23	20	52	10
	30.9%	15.1%	13.2%	34.2%	6.6%
55 to 64	37	25	13	82	11
	22.0%	14.9%	7.7%	48.8%	6.5%
65 and older	57	36	21	69	17
	28.5%	18.0%	10.5%	34.5%	8.5%

N=817		\$15 MINIMUM	I WAGE IF PRICE	ES INCREASE	
		Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	
	Strongly Favor	Favor	Oppose	Oppose	No answer
AGE GROUP					
Under 55	134 29.8%	84 18.7%	43 9.6%	162 36.1%	26 5.8%
55 or older	94 25.5%	61 16.6%	34 9.2%	151 41.0%	28 7.6%

N=817		\$15 MINIMUM	WAGE IF PRIC	ES INCREASE	
	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
<u>RACE</u>					
White	116	88	60	242	31
	21.6%	16.4%	11.2%	45.1%	5.8%
African-	94	49	13	48	21
American	41.8%	21.8%	5.8%	21.3%	9.3%
Other	18	8	4	23	2
	32.7%	14.5%	7.3%	41.8%	3.6%

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	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
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<u>REGION</u>					
Metro Baltimore	93 26.3%	61 17.3%	41 11.6%	135 38.2%	23 6.5%
Datamore	20.370	17.570	11.070	50.270	0.570
Metro Washington	96 34.0%	53 18.8%	26 9.2%	90 31.9%	17 6.0%
Washington	54.0%	10.0%	9.2%	31.9%	0.0%
Rural	39	31	10	88	14
Maryland	21.4%	17.0%	5.5%	48.4%	7.7%
N=817		\$15 MINIMUM	WAGE IF PRICE	S INCREASE	
		Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	
	Strongly Favor	Favor	Oppose	Oppose	No answer
<u>COUNTY</u>					
Anne	21	11	14	28	8
Arundel Co.	25.6%	13.4%	17.1%	34.1%	9.8%
Baltimore	34	11	15	48	8
County	29.3%	9.5%	12.9%	41.4%	6.9%
Harford	8	7	4	21	0
County	20.0%	17.5%	10.0%	52.5%	0.0%
Howard	13	13	4	15	2
County	27.7%	27.7%	8.5%	31.9%	4.3%
Montgomery	41	24	15	50	11
County	29.1%	17.0%	10.6%	35.5%	7.8%
Prince	46	25	9	32	6
George's Co.	39.0%	21.2%	7.6%	27.1%	5.1%
Charles	9	4	2	8	0
County	39.1%	17.4%	8.7%	34.8%	0.0%
Baltimore	17	19	4	23	5
City	25.0%	27.9%	5.9%	33.8%	7.4%
Eastern Shore	25	12	4	42	7
	27.8%	13.3%	4.4%	46.7%	7.8%
Western	14	19	6	46	7
Maryland	15.2%	20.7%	6.5%	50.0%	7.6%

N=817	\$15 MINIMUM WAGE IF PRICES INCREASE				
		Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	
	Strongly Favor	Favor	Oppose	Oppose	No answer
<u>\$15 MINIMUM W</u>	AGE				
Strongly	206	81	7	28	27
Favor	59.0%	23.2%	2.0%	8.0%	7.7%
Somewhat	19	61	31	20	10
Favor	13.5%	43.3%	22.0%	14.2%	7.1%
Somewhat	2	3	18	45	1
Oppose	2.9%	4.3%	26.1%	65.2%	1.4%
Strongly	1	0	9	206	3
Oppose	0.5%	0.0%	4.1%	94.1%	1.4%
No answer	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	12 30.8%	14 35.9%	13 33.3%

#### Increase Cost of Goods and Services by Support for Minimum Wage

N=817	\$15 MINIMUM WAGE IF PRICES INCREASE				
	Favor	Oppose	No answer		

#### \$15 MINIMUM WAGE

Favor	367	86	37
	74.9%	17.6%	7.5%
Oppose	6	278	4
	2.1%	96.5%	1.4%
No answer	0	26	13
	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%
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18% of those who favor the concept of a
\$15 minimum wage OPPOSE it if it means significantly higher prices for things like eating out, retail goods and services.

**QUESTION #2 Loss of Jobs Would** you favor or oppose a statewide \$15 minimum wage if it resulted in a loss of jobs for low-skill workers, such as employees in the fast-food industry?

<u>\$15 MINIMUM WAGE IF JOBS ARE LOST</u>	Number	Percent
Favor	165	20.2 %
Oppose	569	69.6 %
No answer	83	10.2 %
Total	817	100.0 %

#### Is that strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?

\$15 MINIMUM WAGE IF JOBS ARE LOST	Number	Percent
Strongly Favor	98	12.0 %
Somewhat Favor	67	8.2 %
Somewhat Oppose	121	14.8 %
Strongly Oppose	448	54.8 %
No answer	83	10.2 %
Total	817	100.0 %

	\$15 MINIMU	M WAGE IF JOB	S ARE LOST	
	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	
Strongly Favor	Favor	Oppose	Oppose	No answer
68	37	82	209	63
14.8%	8.1%	17.9%	45.5%	13.7%
11	13	21	171	10
4.9%	5.8%	9.3%	75.7%	4.4%
19	17	18	68	10
14.4%	12.9%	13.6%	51.5%	7.6%
	¢15 MINUMU		S ADE LOST	
Strongly Favor	Favor	Oppose	Oppose	No answer
49	28	49	216	37
12.9%	7.4%	12.9%	57.0%	9.8%
49	39	72	232	46
11.2%	8.9%	16.4%	53.0%	10.5%
	14.8% 11 4.9% 19 14.4% Strongly Favor 49 12.9% 49	Somewhat         Somewhat $68$ 37 $14.8\%$ $8.1\%$ $11$ $13$ $4.9\%$ $5.8\%$ $19$ $17$ $14.4\%$ $12.9\%$ $\frac{$15 \text{ MINIMU}}{$50 \text{ mewhat}}$ Somewhat           Favor $49$ $28$ $12.9\%$ $7.4\%$ $49$ $39$	Somewhat FavorSomewhat FavorSomewhat Oppose $68$ $37$ $82$ $14.8\%$ $8.1\%$ $17.9\%$ $11$ $13$ $21$ $4.9\%$ $5.8\%$ $9.3\%$ $19$ $17$ $18$ $14.4\%$ $12.9\%$ $13.6\%$ Somewhat Somewhat SomewhatSomewhat Somewhat $49$ $28$ $49$ $12.9\%$ $7.4\%$ $12.9\%$ $49$ $39$ $72$	Strongly FavorFavorOpposeOppose $68$ $37$ $82$ $209$ $14.8\%$ $8.1\%$ $17.9\%$ $45.5\%$ $11$ $13$ $21$ $171$ $4.9\%$ $5.8\%$ $9.3\%$ $75.7\%$ $19$ $17$ $18$ $68$ $14.4\%$ $12.9\%$ $13.6\%$ $51.5\%$ <b>\$15 MINIMUM WAGE IF JOBS ARE LOST</b> SomewhatStrongly FavorFavorOppose $49$ $28$ $49$ $216$ $12.9\%$ $7.4\%$ $12.9\%$ $57.0\%$ $49$ $39$ $72$ $232$

N=817		\$15 MINIMU	M WAGE IF JOB	S ARE LOST	
	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
AGE					
18 to 34	21	17	30	90	15
	12.1%	9.8%	17.3%	52.0%	8.7%
35 to 44	16	14	18	61	15
	12.9%	11.3%	14.5%	49.2%	12.1%
45 to 54	10	11	26	89	16
	6.6%	7.2%	17.1%	58.6%	10.5%
55 to 64	22	11	20	104	11
	13.1%	6.5%	11.9%	61.9%	6.5%
65 and older	29	14	27	104	26
	14.5%	7.0%	13.5%	52.0%	13.0%

N=817		\$15 MINIMU	M WAGE IF JOB	S ARE LOST	
		Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	
	Strongly Favor	Favor	Oppose	Oppose	No answer
AGE GROUP					
Under 55	47 10.5%	42 9.4%	74 16.5%	240 53.5%	46 10.2%
55 or older	51 13.9%	25 6.8%	47 12.8%	208 56.5%	37 10.1%

N=817		\$15 MINIMU	M WAGE IF JOB	S ARE LOST	
	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
	Subligiy Pavor	Pavor	Oppose	Oppose	No answer
<u>RACE</u>					
White	57	42	78	308	52
	10.6%	7.8%	14.5%	57.4%	9.7%
African-	32	22	28	117	26
American	14.2%	9.8%	12.4%	52.0%	11.6%
Other	9	3	15	23	5
	16.4%	5.5%	27.3%	41.8%	9.1%

N=817		\$15 MINIMU	M WAGE IF JOB	S ARE LOST	
		Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	
	Strongly Favor	Favor	Oppose	Oppose	No answer
<u>REGION</u>					
Metro	37	24	56	196	40
Baltimore	10.5%	6.8%	15.9%	55.5%	11.3%
	20	20	10	1.42	20
Metro Washington	39 13.8%	29 10.3%	42 14.9%	143 50.7%	29 10.3%
washington	15.0%	10.3%	14.9%	30.7%	10.5%
Rural	22	14	23	109	14
Maryland	12.1%	7.7%	12.6%	59.9%	7.7%
N=817			M WAGE IF JOB		
	Steen also France	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	N
	Strongly Favor	Favor	Oppose	Oppose	No answer
<u>COUNTY</u>					
Anne	11	9	15	37	10
Arundel Co.	13.4%	11.0%	18.3%	45.1%	12.2%
Deltimente	10	7	21		12
Baltimore County	8.6%	6.0%	18.1%	66 56.9%	12 10.3%
county	0.070	0.070	10.170	201970	10.570
Harford	2	2	5	29	2
County	5.0%	5.0%	12.5%	72.5%	5.0%
Howard	8	3	5	26	5
County	8 17.0%	5 6.4%	10.6%	55.3%	10.6%
county	11.070	0.170	10.070	22.270	10.070
Montgomery	15	13	21	75	17
County	10.6%	9.2%	14.9%	53.2%	12.1%
Prince	20	14	16	57	11
George's Co.	16.9%	11.9%	13.6%	48.3%	9.3%
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Charles	4	2	5	11	1
County	17.4%	8.7%	21.7%	47.8%	4.3%
Baltimore	6	3	10	38	11
City	8.8%	4.4%	14.7%	55.9%	16.2%
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Eastern Shore	11	6	13	54	6
	12.2%	6.7%	14.4%	60.0%	6.7%
Western	11	8	10	55	8
Maryland	12.0%	8.7%	10.9%	59.8%	8.7%

N=817	\$15 MINIMUM WAGE IF JOBS ARE LOST				
		Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	
	Strongly Favor	Favor	Oppose	Oppose	No answer
<u>\$15 MINIMUM W</u>	AGE				
Strongly	80	40	66	118	45
Favor	22.9%	11.5%	18.9%	33.8%	12.9%
Somewhat	13	19	32	62	15
Favor	9.2%	13.5%	22.7%	44.0%	10.6%
Somewhat	3	7	17	40	2
Oppose	4.3%	10.1%	24.6%	58.0%	2.9%
Strongly	2	1	2	209	5
Oppose	0.9%	0.5%	0.9%	95.4%	2.3%
No answer	0	0	4	19	16
	0.0%	0.0%	10.3%	48.7%	41.0%

### Loss of Jobs by Support for Minimum Wage

N=817	\$15 MINIMUM WAGE IF JOBS ARE LOST				
_	Favor	Oppose	No answer		
<u>\$15 MINIMUM WA</u>	<u>.GE</u>				
Favor	152	278	60		
	31.0%	56.7%	12.2%		
Oppose	13 4.5%	268 93.1%	7 2.4%		
No answer	0 0.0%	23 59.0%	16 41.0%		

57% of those who favor the concept of a \$15 minimum wage OPPOSE it if it results in a loss of jobs for low-skill workers. **QUESTION Public Poll** Would you favor or oppose a law requiring all employers in Maryland to pay their workers a minimum salary of \$15 per hour?

\$15 MINIMUM WAGE	Number	Percent
Favor	490	60.0 %
Oppose	288	35.2 %
No answer	39	4.8 %
Total	817	100.0 %

#### Is that strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?

\$15 MINIMUM WAGE	Number	Percent
Strongly Favor	349	42.7 %
Somewhat Favor	141	17.3 %
Somewhat Oppose	69	8.4 %
Strongly Oppose	219	26.8 %
No answer	39	4.8 %
Total	817	100.0 %

N=817		\$15	5 MINIMUM WA	GE	
	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
<u>PARTY</u>					
Democrat	270	92	25	40	32
	58.8%	20.0%	5.4%	8.7%	7.0%
Republican	26	31	19	147	3
	11.5%	13.7%	8.4%	65.0%	1.3%
Unaffiliated	53	18	25	32	4
	40.2%	13.6%	18.9%	24.2%	3.0%

N=817		\$15	5 MINIMUM WA	GE	
	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
<u>GENDER</u>					
Male	143 37.7%	52 13.7%	36 9.5%	127 33.5%	21 5.5%
Female	206 47.0%	89 20.3%	33 7.5%	92 21.0%	18 4.1%

N=817		\$15	5 MINIMUM WA	GE	
	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
AGE					
18 to 34	73	34	14	44	8
	42.2%	19.7%	8.1%	25.4%	4.6%
35 to 44	63	19	12	29	1
	50.8%	15.3%	9.7%	23.4%	0.8%
45 to 54	63	28	12	38	11
	41.4%	18.4%	7.9%	25.0%	7.2%
55 to 64	66	24	13	57	8
	39.3%	14.3%	7.7%	33.9%	4.8%
65 and older	84	36	18	51	11
	42.0%	18.0%	9.0%	25.5%	5.5%

N=817		\$15	5 MINIMUM WA	GE	
	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
AGE GROUP					
Under 55	199 44.3%	81 18.0%	38 8.5%	111 24.7%	20 4.5%
55 or older	150 40.8%	60 16.3%	31 8.4%	108 29.3%	19 5.2%

N=817		\$15	5 MINIMUM WA	GE	
	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No answer
<u>RACE</u>					
White	176	88	49	196	28
	32.8%	16.4%	9.1%	36.5%	5.2%
African-	151	41	15	9	9
American	67.1%	18.2%	6.7%	4.0%	4.0%
Other	22	12	5	14	2
	40.0%	21.8%	9.1%	25.5%	3.6%

N=817		\$15	5 MINIMUM WA	GE	
		Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	
	Strongly Favor	Favor	Oppose	Oppose	No answer
<u>REGION</u>					
Metro	151	49	38	100	15
Baltimore	42.8%	13.9%	10.8%	28.3%	4.2%
Metro	139	65	16	46	16
Washington	49.3%	23.0%	5.7%	16.3%	5.7%
	50	27	1.5	72	0
Rural Moreland	59 32.4%	27 14.8%	15 8.2%	73 40.1%	8 4.4%
Maryland	32.4%	14.8%	8.2%	40.1%	4.4%
N=817		\$15	5 MINIMUM WA	GE	
		Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	
	Strongly Favor	Favor	Oppose	Oppose	No answer
<u>COUNTY</u>					
Anne	36	8	12	21	5
Arundel Co.	43.9%	9.8%	14.6%	25.6%	6.1%
Baltimore	46	18	11	38	3
County	39.7%	15.5%	9.5%	32.8%	2.6%
<b>TT</b> - 2 <b>C</b> - 2 <b>1</b>	12	-	2	20	0
Harford County	12 30.0%	5 12.5%	3 7.5%	20 50.0%	0 0.0%
County	50.070	12.370	1.570	50.070	0.070
Howard	19	11	3	12	2
County	40.4%	23.4%	6.4%	25.5%	4.3%
Montgomery	60	32	8	32	9
County	42.6%	22.7%	5.7%	22.7%	6.4%
Prince	65	30	5	11	7
George's Co.	55.1%	25.4%	4.2%	11 9.3%	5.9%
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Charles	14	3	3	3	0
County	60.9%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	0.0%
Baltimore	38	7	9	9	5
City	55.9%	10.3%	13.2%	13.2%	7.4%
Eastern Shore	33	14	9	30	4
Lustern Shore	36.7%	15.6%	10.0%	33.3%	4.4%
Western	26 28 20/	13	6 6 5%	43	4
Maryland	28.3%	14.1%	6.5%	46.7%	4.3%

### Appendix B: Maryland Poll Sample Demographics

AGE	Number	Percent
18 to 34	173	21.2 %
35 to 44	124	15.2 %
45 to 54	152	18.6 %
55 to 64	168	20.6 %
65 and older	200	24.5 %
Total	817	100.0 %
AGE GROUP	Number	Percent
Under 55	449	55.0 %
55 or older	368	45.0 %
Total	817	100.0 %
PARTY	Number	Percent
Democrat	459	56.2 %
Republican	226	27.7 %
Unaffiliated	132	16.2 %
Total	817	100.0 %
RACE	Number	Percent
White	537	65.7 %
White African-American	537 225	65.7 % 27.5 %
African-American Other	225 55	
African-American	225	27.5 %
African-American Other	225 55 817	27.5 % <u>6.7 %</u> 100.0 %
African-American <u>Other</u> Total	225 55	27.5 % 6.7 %
African-American <u>Other</u> Total <u>GENDER</u>	225 55 817 <u>Number</u> 379	27.5 % 6.7 % 100.0 % Percent
African-American <u>Other</u> Total <u>GENDER</u> Male	225 55 817 Number	27.5 % <u>6.7 %</u> 100.0 % <u>Percent</u> 46.4 %
African-American <u>Other</u> Total <u>GENDER</u> Male <u>Female</u> Total	225 55 817 <u>Number</u> 379 438 817	27.5 % 6.7 % 100.0 % Percent 46.4 % 53.6 % 100.0 %
African-American <u>Other</u> Total <u>GENDER</u> Male <u>Female</u> Total <u>REGION</u>	225 55 817 <u>Number</u> 379 438 817 Number	27.5 % 6.7 % 100.0 % Percent 46.4 % 53.6 % 100.0 % Percent
African-American <u>Other</u> Total <u>GENDER</u> Male <u>Female</u> Total <u>REGION</u> Metro Baltimore	225 55 817 <u>Number</u> 379 438 817 <u>Number</u> 353	27.5 % <u>6.7 %</u> 100.0 % <u>Percent</u> 46.4 % <u>53.6 %</u> 100.0 % <u>Percent</u> 43.2 %
African-American <u>Other</u> Total <u>GENDER</u> Male <u>Female</u> Total <u>REGION</u> Metro Baltimore Metro Washington	225 55 817 <u>Number</u> 379 438 817 <u>Number</u> 353 282	27.5 % <u>6.7 %</u> 100.0 % <u>Percent</u> 46.4 % <u>53.6 %</u> 100.0 % <u>Percent</u> 43.2 % 34.5 %
African-American <u>Other</u> Total <u>GENDER</u> Male <u>Female</u> Total <u>REGION</u> Metro Baltimore	225 55 817 <u>Number</u> 379 438 817 <u>Number</u> 353	27.5 % <u>6.7 %</u> 100.0 % <u>Percent</u> 46.4 % <u>53.6 %</u> 100.0 % <u>Percent</u> 43.2 %

### **Regional Classifications**

Baltimore Metro	Number	Percent
Baltimore City	68	19.3 %
Anne Arundel County	82	23.2 %
Baltimore County	116	32.9 %
Harford County	40	11.3 %
Howard County	47	13.3 %
Total	353	100.0 %

Washington Metro	Number	Percent
Montgomery County	141	50.0 %
Prince George's County	118	41.8 %
Charles County	23	8.2 %
Total	282	100.0 %

Rural Maryland	Number	Percent
Eastern Shore/Southern Maryland	90	49.5 %
Western Maryland	92	50.5 %
Total	182	100.0 %

### Appendix C: Questionnaire

1) Would you favor or oppose a statewide \$15 minimum wage if it resulted in significantly higher prices for things like eating out, retail goods and services? Is that strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?

Strongly Favor	1
Somewhat Favor	2
Somewhat Oppose	3
Strongly Oppose	4
No answer	5

2) Would you favor or oppose a statewide \$15 minimum wage if it resulted in a loss of jobs for lowskill workers, such as employees in the fast-food industry? Is that strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?

Strongly Favor	1
Somewhat Favor	2
Somewhat Oppose	3
Strongly Oppose	4
No answer	5

PUBLIC POLL QUESTION) Would you favor or oppose a law requiring all employers in Maryland to pay their workers a minimum salary of \$15 per hour? Is that strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?

Strongly Favor	1
Somewhat Favor	2
Somewhat Oppose	3
Strongly Oppose	4
No answer	5