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# Pennsylvania Statewide Omnibus Telephone Poll Sample Size: 701 Pennsylvania Likely Voters Conducted Feb. 21-27, 2022

# TOP LINE REPORT AND QUESTIONNAIRE - PENNA. PARKS AND FORESTS FOUNDATION (PPFF)

Good morning/afternoon/evening, my name is (YOUR FIRST NAME). I am calling on behalf of Susquehanna Polling and Research a public opinion research firm. May I speak to (name on list) or another registered voter in your household? (If name on list or another registered voter is not available, TERMINATE)

**INTRODUCTION:** We are conducting a survey of attitudes and opinions concerning some important issues facing Pennsylvania today. May we have a few minutes of your time to complete a brief survey?

Great, thank you...

F1: First, are you a registered voter in Pennsylvania?

1. If yes 701 (100%) PROCEED TO Q1

2. If no -- THANK AND TERMINATE

Q1. Which of the following activities have you participated in during the past twelve months? (ROTATE ITEMS A THROUGH E)

a. Visited a local or state park, trail, or forest?

1. Yes 410 58% 2. No 290 41% 3. Refuse 1 01%

b. Traveled more than 30 minutes to participate in outdoor recreation?

1. Yes 441 63% 2. No 260 37%

- Bought outdoor recreation equipment, gear, or clothing?
- 1. Yes

346 49%

2. No

355 51%

- Planned a trip based primarily around outdoor recreation activities or destinations? d.
- Yes 1. 2. No

365

336

52% 48%

- Tried a new outdoor recreation activity?
- 1. Yes

142

20%

2. No

559 80%

## Now, thinking about some public policy issues being discussed in Harrisburg for a few minutes...

Q2. Pennsylvania's elected officials must make choices when determining priorities for state funding. If one state program is deemed to be a priority, then that choice entails less money for other programs. Understanding these tradeoffs, do you agree or disagree that funding for outdoor recreation facilities, such as parks, trails, lakes, and overnight visitor facilities in parks and forests, should be considered a priority by state government? (Test Intensity...)

|    | Total Agree:   | 466 | 66% |
|----|----------------|-----|-----|
| 2. | Agree          | 231 | 33% |
| 1. | Strongly agree | 235 | 34% |

3. Strongly disagree 64 09% 4. Disagree 146 21%

**Total Disagree:** 

5. Not Sure (Do Not Read) 25 04%

210

30%

Q3. The Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation estimates that there is a \$1.4 billion dollar backlog of infrastructure repairs and deferred maintenance in Pennsylvania's state park and state forest system, including roads, bridges, trails, dams, water and sewer systems, cabins, restrooms, and other facilities for visitors. Do you support or oppose the state of Pennsylvania increasing funding for state parks and state forests to address this backlog of repairs, projects, and maintenance by using up to \$125 million of Pennsylvania's \$7.2 billion dollar share of money from the federal American Rescue Plan passed in 2020? Using up to \$125 million for parks and forests means that the money cannot be spent on various other allowed programs and purposes.

| 1. | Yes/Support         | 470 | 67% |
|----|---------------------|-----|-----|
| 2. | No/Oppose           | 196 | 28% |
| 3. | Don't know/Not sure | 24  | 03% |
| 4. | Refuse              | 11  | 02% |

Q4. Pennsylvania's State Forest system serves as a natural filter that removes pollutants in our water. Our State Forests also reduce the risk of flooding downstream by retaining water and releasing it slowly. Should state government be doing more to invest in our State Forests to protect clean water and reduce flooding?

| 1. | Yes                    | 554 | 79% |
|----|------------------------|-----|-----|
| 2. | No                     | 126 | 18% |
| 3. | Not Sure (Do Not Read) | 21  | 03% |

## Now we have just a few questions for demographic purposes...

Q5. Are you registered to vote as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or with some other political party?

| 1. Republican        | 284 | 41% |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| 2. Democrat          | 326 | 47% |
| 3. Independent/other | 87  | 12% |
| 4. Refuse            | 4   | 01% |

Q6. Regardless of how you are registered to vote, do you tend to think of yourself more as a Republican, more as a Democrat or more as an Independent or unaffiliated voter?

| 1. Republican               | 252 | 36% |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|
| 2. Democrat                 | 298 | 43% |
| 3. Independent/unaffiliated | 148 | 21% |
| 4. None of the above        | 1   | 00% |
| 5. Refuse                   | 2   | 00% |

Q7. What was your age on your last birthday? (Use brackets below)

| 1. 18-29        | 66  | 09% |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| 2. 30-44        | 144 | 21% |
| 3. 45-54        | 141 | 20% |
| 4. 55-64        | 168 | 24% |
| 5. 65 and older | 179 | 26% |
| 6. Refuse       | 3   | 00% |

## Q8. What is your main racial or ethnic background?

| 1. | African American/African/Black                     | 59  | 08% |
|----|----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| 2. | Asian American/Asian                               | 6   | 01% |
| 3. | Hispanic/Latino                                    | 38  | 05% |
| 4. | Multiracial/Multiethnic                            | 6   | 01% |
| 5. | Native American/Alaska Native                      | 5   | 01% |
| 6. | Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander                   | 0   | 00% |
| 7. | White (Not Latino/Hispanic)                        | 570 | 81% |
| 8. | Race/ethnicity not represented by above categories | 4   | 01% |
| 9. | Refuse (Do Not Read)                               | 13  | 02% |
|    |                                                    |     |     |

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

Gender (by observation):

1. Male 353 50% 2. Female 348 50%

Vote History Universe (from record, based on G21, G20, G19 and/or G18 plus new registrants):

0X 7 01% 1X 194 28% 2X 175 25% 3X 145 21% 4X 180 26%

Regional Grouping (from record):

- 33 (05%) 1. **Northwest** [Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Warren, Forest]
- 74 (11%) 2. **Southwest** [Lawrence, Beaver, Washington, Greene, Fayette, Westmoreland, Indiana, Armstrong, Butler]
- 79 (11%) 3. **The "T"/Central** [Jefferson, Elk, McKean, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Centre, Cambria, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin, Huntingdon, Blair, Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Sullivan, Lycoming, Clinton, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Mifflin]
- 88 (12%) 4. **Northeast/Lehigh Valley** [Luzerne, Carbon, Monroe, Schuylkill, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Northampton, Pike, Wayne]
- 99 (14%) 5. **South Central** [Perry, Cumberland, Adams, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, Berks, Juniata]
- 171 (24%) 6. **Southeast** [Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks]
- 83 (12%) 7. Allegheny County
- 74 (11%) 8. Philadelphia

#### METHODOLOGY, SAMPLE FRAME CONSTRUCTION AND DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURES

This poll was conducted by Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc<sup>1</sup>, with questions sponsored by Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation. Interviews were conducted Feb. 21-Feb. 27, 2022, with 701 likely voters in Pennsylvania. Survey respondents are randomly contacted using random selection procedures, and all telephone interviews are conducted using live telephone agents. The sample frame was compiled using random telephone sequence methods, and includes both landline and cellular households, purchased from a certified list vendor; all households are pre-screened to eliminate household telephone numbers on the federal Do Not Call registry in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws. Only known registered voters were contacted, compiled from a list of households with prior vote history in 1 of 4 or better general elections using G21, G20, G19 and/or G18 as the base universe. Voters who registered to vote after the 2021 general election are also included and eligible to participate.

Interviews are closely monitored to ensure a representative sample of the Pennsylvania electorate is achieved based on party registration, geography, gender, age cohort and other demographics; results are sometimes statistically weighted to adjust for coverage bias or non-response error.

The margin of error for a sample size of 701 interviews is +/-3.7% at the 95% confidence level.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc. is a nationally recognized polling and focus group company and conducts polling for political, media and corporate clients mainly in PA, NY, IN, FL, NJ, MD, DE, SC, NC and other states. SP&R's polling has been featured on many national platforms, including the Rush Limbaugh Radio Show, FOX News Channel, The O'Reilly Factor, the Bill Maher Show and MSNBC. The internet news service *Sunshine State News* of Florida referred to SP&R as "one of the most prominent pollsters in the country" for its accurate polling in the 2010 Florida Gubernatorial Republican Primary election. The website <a href="https://www.realclearpolitics.com">www.realclearpolitics.com</a> lists SP&R's publicly released polling in Pennsylvania and other battleground states as some of the most accurate polling in the 2020 Presidential election. SP&R CEO Jim Lee was profiled on two episodes of CBS's Inside Edition for its unmatched accuracy in its battleground polling in the 2020 Elections.