



[Online Intro]

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this survey. This survey takes less than 10 minutes.

We would like to ask your opinions on some of Maryland's most important issues.

1. Are you:

Male	43%
Female	57
Other/prefer not to answer	

2. Just to confirm, are you registered to vote in Maryland?

Yes, registered	100%
No (TERMINATE)	x
Not sure / Refused (TERMINATE)	

3. How likely are you to vote in the 2026 elections for Governor, Congress, and other offices in Maryland–

Almost certain	88%
Probably	8
50-50	4
Probably won't vote	(TERMINATE)

For each of the priorities listed below, how much do you think that the state of Maryland should invest – or keep the state government spending about the same? (ROTATE)

	<u>Invest More</u>	<u>Spend the Same</u>	<u>Invest Less</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
4. Moving to clean energy sources to fight climate change	47%	20%	27%	6%
5. Improving public education	68	18	11	3
6. Lowering prescription drug costs	61	22	11	6
7. Ensuring access to affordable health care	63	19	13	5
8. Helping federal agents in controlling illegal immigration	32	24	36	8
9. Fight rising prices and inflation	61	19	12	9
10. Ease housing costs by subsidizing more homebuilding	43	24	24	9

11. If these are the candidates in the next election for Governor of Maryland, for whom would you vote?

[ROTATE]	Wes Moore, the Democrat	48%
	Larry Hogan, the Republican	31
	Undecided	20



Please rate each of the following public officials' performance in office:

	(ROTATE)				
	EXC	Good	Not So Good	POOR	Not Sure
12. Angela Alsobrooks as US Senator	20%	22%	9%	18%	30%
13. Chris Van Hollen as US Senator	24	24	9	15	28
14. Wes Moore as Governor	27	27	12	21	13
15. Donald Trump as President	21	8	7	59	5

16. How do you think your household, or you personally, will be doing financially in the next year or so?

	MD NOW 12/23	
Struggling financially	21%	15%
Just living paycheck to paycheck	37	31
Doing well	26	32
Doing well and saving for things I want	11	17
Other [WRITE-IN]	6	

17. How concerned are you that President Trump's plans to cut federal spending and jobs will have a negative economic impact for Marylanders where you live?

Extremely concerned	58%
Very concerned	9
Somewhat concerned	8
Not concerned	24
Don't know	1

18. What do you think Maryland's members of Congress should prioritize? **[ROTATE]**

Supporting the Trump Administration's agenda	19%
Finding opportunities to compromise with Republicans to lower costs for everyday Americans	31
Fighting against the Trump Administration's agenda	46
Other [WRITE-IN]	4



19. Do you consider the amount of state taxes you have to pay in Maryland:

MD NOW 12/23

Too high	63%	66%
About right	28	26
Too low	1	3
Not sure	8	6

20. Do you know whether the state of Maryland is facing a budget deficit, a budget surplus, or is about even right now?

Budget Deficit	60%
Budget Surplus	3
About Even	5
Not sure	33

In fact, the Maryland government is facing budget shortfalls as pandemic programs end. Tell me whether you strongly favor, partly favor, partly oppose, or strongly oppose the following ideas to close the budget gap.

	Strng Fav	Prtly Fav	Prtly Opp	Strng Opp	Not Sure
21. A 75-cent fee on Amazon orders and Uber or Lyft rides to pay for road maintenance and transit	21%	23%	13%	38%	4%
22. Raising income taxes	2	13	17	63	5
23. Raising income taxes on households and businesses with more than \$500 thousand in income	43	23	10	20	4
24. Cutting the corporate tax rate to 7.9% to boost economic growth	24	21	15	25	15

In Maryland, 250 bridges are “structurally deficient,” and the State faces a \$3-billion-dollar transportation deficit. Other states like Virginia privatized these projects using toll revenue to quickly improve road and bridge conditions. Would you support this in Maryland?

Strongly support	25%	SUPPORT	62%
Somewhat support	38	OPPOSE	30
Somewhat oppose	12		
Strongly oppose	18		
Don't know	7		



25. A few questions about healthcare. First how would you rate the quality of health care you receive in Maryland?

Excellent	20%
Good	52
Not so Good	15
Poor	9
Don't know	4

26. How often have you hesitated or gone without healthcare because it was too expensive?

Frequently	11%
Some of the time	19
A few occasions	19
Never	47
Don't know	3

27. If you could go to a doctor for preventive care in the evening or on weekends, would you be more likely to go?

Much more likely	34%
Somewhat more likely	23
Slightly more likely	10
No difference	30
Don't know	3

28. Which statement do you agree with more?

The construction of data centers by tech companies for storage and AI technology growth has been a major source of revenue and jobs in rural areas for some states. Virginia is a national leader in this industry, and Maryland should support and offer incentives to bring data centers here as well.	32%
[ROTATE]	
Maryland does not produce enough of its own energy as it is, and data centers are enormous electricity users. We should not put more stress on the electric grid now just to bring these businesses to Maryland	38
Neither/Refused	29



Because it is imperative to reduce the burning of fossil fuels if we want to mitigate climate change, some advocate offshore wind farms as a source of power and others advocate for new nuclear power plants. What about you, do you...

29. Offshore wind farms in Maryland

Strongly support	35%
Somewhat support	22
Somewhat oppose	8
Strongly oppose	25
Don't know	11

30. New nuclear power plants

Strongly support	27%
Somewhat support	23
Somewhat oppose	13
Strongly oppose	24
Don't know	13

31. If offshore wind turbines are installed off the coast of Ocean City Maryland, how would it impact your likelihood of a vacation to Ocean City?

Much more likely	10%
Somewhat more likely	5
Makes No Difference	55
Somewhat less likely	6
Much less likely	14
Don't know	9



32. **FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES ONLY.** What is your age?
(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

18-29	7%
30-39	18
40-49	20
50-64	28
65 and older	27

33. What is the last grade of school you completed? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

Some high school or less	1%
High school graduate	11
Vocational/Tech school	4
Some college/2-year grad.	19
4-year college graduate	28
Postgraduate work or degree	30
No data	7

34. Do you commute to a workplace outside your home?

Yes	60%	ASK Q.38
No	38	SKIP TO
Not sure	2	Q.40

35. [IF YES] And how do you get to work most of the time?

By car	88%
By bus, train, or other transit	9
Walk/Bike/Scoot	1
Other [WRITE-IN]	2

36. [IF YES] How long is your average commute in minutes?

Mean = 37.5 Minutes

37. [ASK EVERYONE] What is your race? **[ONLY READ IF NECESSARY]**

White	56%
Black / African American	34
Hispanic / Latino	4 (6% w/q41)
Asian	4
Multi-racial / Mixed race	1
Other	0

38. **[ASK IF NOT HISPANIC/LATINO/ASIAN/OTHER IN RACE]** Do you consider yourself Hispanic or Latino?

Yes	3%
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