



**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	44%
Female	56
Other/prefer not to answer	

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

Almost certain	90%
Probably	7
50-50	4
Probably won't vote /not sure	(Terminate)

3. We have a few questions to ensure we are getting the proper mix of respondents: what year were you born?

____ _ (YOB 9999=No answer - online)

4. What is the last grade of school you completed?

Did not complete high school	1%
High school graduate	12
Some college/2-year graduate	22
Vocational or technical college	5
4-year college graduate	27
Postgraduate work or degree	32
Refused/not sure	

5. React to this statement: "Local police in Maryland should cooperate with federal ICE agents to detain immigrants."

Strongly Agree	34%	AGREE	45%
Partly Agree	11	DISAGREE	55
Partly Disagree	11		
Strongly Disagree	44		
Don't know			



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

(ROTATE)

	EXC	Good	Not So Good	POOR	Not Sure
6. Wes Moore as Governor	21%	29%	13%	29%	8%
7. Donald Trump as President	20	13	7	57	5
8. Democrats in the State Legislature	12	27	16	32	13
9. Republicans in the State Legislature	10	20	23	31	5

10. Do you think that things in the United States are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things are seriously off on the wrong track?

Right direction	30%
Wrong track	64
Not sure	6

11. How would you rate the economy in Maryland right now – ?

Excellent	2%	POS	26%
Good	24	NEG	54
Not so Good	40		
Poor	15		
Not sure	20		

12. Which of these best describes how you personally are doing financially?

Living comfortably with increasing savings	17%
Living comfortably but not increasing savings	34
Just getting by	33
Really struggling financially	16
Other [WRITE-IN]	

13. Who do you think is most responsible for the state of the economy right now?

Trump and Republicans in Congress	59%
Governor Moore and Democrats in Maryland	25
Neither/Other	10
Not sure	7

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

Too high	67%
About right	24
Too low	1
Not sure	8



15. How well would you grade Maryland state government on the services and quality of life you get for the state taxes you pay:

A	8%
B	25
C	25
D	18
F	19
Not sure	6

16. From what you know, do you support or oppose the federal budget bill that was passed a few weeks ago?

Strongly support	14%	POS	31
Somewhat Support	17	NEG	56
Somewhat Oppose	8		
Strongly Oppose	48		
Don't know	12		

17. Which of the following comes closer to your view?

The Republican budget plan will mostly include things that would be good for people like me and my family	33%
The Republican budget plan will mostly include things that would be bad for people like me and my family	55
Don't know	12

18. Do you support or oppose the plan to take away Medicaid health coverage from people who do not meet the requirement to work a minimum of 20 hours per week?

Strongly support	21%	SUP	35%
Somewhat Support	14	OPP	61
Somewhat Oppose	14		
Strongly Oppose	47		
Don't know	4		



19. The new budget signed by Trump gives the largest billionaire tax cut in history, paid for by making significant cuts to Medicaid. In this budget plan, the richest 1% will get \$64,700 more in tax breaks while 13.7 million Americans could lose their health care or funding for nursing home care. Do you support or oppose this budget?

Strongly support	14%	SUP	24%
Somewhat Support	10	OPP	69
Somewhat Oppose	7		
Strongly Oppose	62		
Don't know	7		



The Governor and the Maryland legislature will have to react to economic shortfalls and federal budget cuts in several ways. Mark your opinion on the following ideas:

	Strng Supp	Prtly Supp	Prtly Opp	Strng Opp	Not Sure
20. Creating State Employee Health Centers where state workers could get primary health care at work centers to lower state healthcare costs	33%	30	9	16 SUP OPP	11 63% 25
21. Raising income taxes on h'holds and businesses with more than \$500 thousand in income	43%	23	10	19 SUP OPP	5 66% 29
22. A hiring freeze and buyout offers to reduce state employment for most government departments	20%	29	21	20 SUP OPP	10 49% 41
23. Legalizing, regulating, and taxing iGaming – or internet table games	31%	25	10	20 SUP OPP	13 57% 30
24. Allowing beer and wine sales in grocery stores, like most states	59%	22	5	10 SUP OPP	5 80% 15
25. Creating public-private partnerships that use tolls to provide revenue to build and repair some roads more quickly	22%	27	18	24 SUP OPP	9 49% 42
26. Champion Maryland as a Pro-Science and Pro-Schools state for business relocation from other states	53%	23	6	7 SUP OPP	12 76% 12
27. Push the state's strengths further – encouraging biotechnology, cyber-security and health care businesses – for stable middle class jobs	61%	26	4	3 SUP OPP	6 87% 7
28. Maryland should continue to set its own vaccine policies and requirements, and loudly defend science-based public health decisions no matter how politics affects the CDC and NIH.	55%	14	9	18 SUP OPP	5 69% 26
29. Leasing some state assets to private industries to raise revenue without losing public control of these assets.	24%	42	13	9 SUP OPP	12 65% 22



WE HAVE A FEW MORE QUESTIONS about affordability, if you have time?

Energy prices have skyrocketed for Marylanders. How significant do you believe each of the following are in creating high utility bills?

0-insignificant -10 Very significant 11-dk

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| 30. Maryland's electric transmission grid is insufficient to meet growing demand. | 6.9 |
| 31. A lack of in-state generation forces Maryland to import energy, leading to higher prices | 7.2 |
| 32. Maryland's elected leaders and appointed regulators have failed to plan for more extreme weather and growing demand | 6.9 |
| 33. The construction of data centers, and the energy they require, has placed stress on the electric grid | 6.8 |
| 34. The electric grid operator, PJM, has failed to adequately plan for and address growing demand | 6.8 |

[A ONLY] Thinking ahead over the next year, how worried are you about the following:

	Very Worried	Smwht Wor	Not too Wor	Not at all Wor	Not Sure
35. Might lose your home, have to downgrade your home, or move because you can't afford monthly rent or mortgage	19%	23	21	31 W NW	5 42% 58%
36. You/ someone in your household will be without health insurance	25%	19	19	35 W NW	3 43% 57%
37. You/someone in your household will lose their job	21%	26	22	27 W NW	5 47% 53%

[B ONLY] Over the past 12 months, have you experienced any of the following?

	Yes	No	Not Sure
38. An increase in your monthly rent or mortgage payment	51%	47	2
39. Fell behind on rent or mortgage payment	13%	84	3
40. Fell behind on utility payments (water, gas, electricity internet)	19%	79	2
41. Difficulty paying for food and other everyday shopping	34%	62	3



The Governor and the Maryland legislature could take several actions to try to improve housing affordability:

	Strng Supp	Prtly Supp	Prtly Opp	Strng Opp	Not Sure	
42. The Baltimore metro area is one of the most affordable housing markets on the East Coast. We can make it even more affordable by investing in new multi-family housing that middle-class people can afford to buy	37%	29	10	15	8	
					SUP	67%
					OPP	25
43. Provide a \$10,000 tax credit for 1 st time homebuyers to help them meet housing costs	49%	27	8	11	4	
					SUP	77%
					OPP	19
44. Expand tax credits awarded competitively to developers to help them build affordable apartments for low income households	27%	36	13	20	4	
					SUP	63%
					OPP	33
45. Incentivize local communities to remove zoning and land use restrictions that prevent the development of more housing	22%	22	18	28	10	
					SUP	44%
					OPP	46
46. Additional vouchers to help low-income families pay the rent for apartments in neighborhoods with good schools and greater opportunities	36%	25	13	21	6	
					SUP	61%
					OPP	33
47. Which of the following comes closer to your personal view about the <u>most long-lasting way</u> to address rising housing costs in Maryland?						
Making it easier to build more homes by streamlining regulations, improving permit approval times and making zoning changes				27%		
Increasing renter protections and limiting how quickly landlords can increase rents on current tenants				34		
Providing financial incentives to property owners and builders to encourage building more affordable housing units				21		



Don't know

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48. **FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES ONLY.** Do you currently have health insurance coverage?

Yes	95%
No	4
Not sure	1

49. What is your main source of health insurance?

Private health insurance	63%
Medicare	22
Medicaid	5
Pay myself/ACA	2
VA/TriCare	2
Other	
Don't have insurance	5

50. Have you or has anyone in your household previously had coverage through Medicaid?

Yes	26%
No	70
Not sure	5

51. Do you rent or own the place where you live?

Rent	22%
Own	75
Not sure	3

52. Thinking in political terms, do you describe yourself as Liberal, Progressive, Moderate, Libertarian, or Conservative?

Liberal	19%
Progressive	16
Moderate	26
Libertarian	3
Conservative	19
MAGA	8
Other (WRITEIN)	3
Not sure/refused	6

53. What is your race? **[ONLY READ IF NECESSARY]**

White	65%
Black / African American	25



Hispanic / Latino	4 (7% w/q.57)
Asian	5
Multi-racial / Mixed race	0

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

Yes	3%
No	97
Not sure	

Methodology

Online Interviewing—Maryland registered, likely voters

Online interviewing was conducted by using an SMS or MMS broadcast system to send a text invitation to a sample of wireless numbers; the text had an imbedded link to the survey. All surveys were completed between July 24 and July 30, 2025.

Final sample size was 1,256 interviews. For a sample this size, there is a 95 percent probability the survey results have a plus or minus 2.7 percentage point sampling error from the actual population distribution for any given survey question. Margins of error are higher for subsamples. In addition to sampling error, all surveys are subject to sources of non-sampling error, including question wording effects, question order effects, and non-response bias.

Results were weighted by age, region, and race to reflect the makeup of the likely 2026 Maryland voting universe.