

2021 MAINE

Voter Pulse Poll

	ALL VOTERS	GOP	DEM	IND
1. There is a childcare shortage in the state of Maine. Of the following four options, how should the state work to alleviate this shortage?				
Childcare Subsidies	19%	13%	32%	13%
Price Caps	11%	14%	12%	9%
Tax Incentives	22%	28%	16%	21%
More Children Per Worker	16%	13%	11%	23%
Unsure	32%	32%	29%	34%
2. Maine law requires some high school students to secure permission from the state before they are legally allowed to work. Would you support or oppose allowing students to accept employment without having to get permission from the state?				
Support	58%	69%	43%	62%
Oppose	27%	23%	37%	22%
Unsure	15%	8%	20%	16%
3. Would you support or oppose the gradual elimination of Maine's state income tax?				
Support	46%	66%	22%	50%
Oppose	35%	22%	52%	30%
Unsure	19%	12%	25%	20%

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4. Recently the news reported on the influx of refugees arriving in Maine from Afghanistan. How concerned are you about the influx of Afghan refugees to Maine?				
Very Concerned	38%	57%	20%	36%
Somewhat Concerned	26%	32%	16%	28%
Not Very Concerned	18%	5%	34%	15%
Not Concerned At All	17%	5%	28%	18%
Unsure	2%	1%	3%	3%

5. How concerned are you about people being censored or bullied on social media platforms for their political opinions or religious beliefs?				
Very Concerned	56%	70%	40%	58%
Somewhat Concerned	21%	17%	29%	18%
Not Very Concerned	9%	5%	13%	10%
Not Concerned At All	7%	4%	8%	9%
Unsure	6%	4%	9%	5%

6. Rather than requiring voters to select one candidate on their ballot, Maine allows voters to rank most candidates for a particular office in order of personal preference. This could result in a candidate winning an election even if they did not initially receive a majority of the votes. Do you prefer Maine's new ranked-choice voting system, or do you prefer the conventional form of voting where voters may only select one candidate per office on their ballots?				
Ranked Choice	35%	13%	56%	35%
Conventional	61%	85%	39%	60%
Unsure	4%	2%	5%	5%

7. Critical Race Theory philosophies claim the United States was founded on principles that are intended to perpetually discriminate against minorities. Would you support or oppose allowing Critical Race Theory to be taught in Maine's public schools?				
Support	28%	13%	46%	25%
Oppose	49%	70%	20%	55%
Unsure	24%	16%	35%	20%

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8. Which of the following five issues is most important to you when considering who to vote for in the 2022 elections?

Racial & Social Issues	11%	4%	18%	13%
Immigration & National Security	18%	30%	10%	15%
Censoring & Workplace Bullying	5%	7%	6%	3%
Election Security	15%	16%	15%	14%
Economic Issues	32%	31%	30%	35%
Something Else	18%	12%	22%	21%

9. Which of the following four financial issues concern you the most when it comes to our nation's economy?

Inflation	19%	24%	16%	18%
National Debt	19%	18%	15%	24%
Congressional Spending	19%	26%	11%	21%
Taxes	18%	20%	19%	15%
Unsure	24%	12%	39%	23%

10. Which of the following four causes do you think is most to blame for worker shortages?

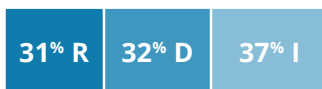
Extended Unemployment & Welfare	41%	60%	25%	40%
Low Wages	17%	11%	26%	15%
Fear of COVID-19	9%	6%	15%	7%
Apprehension Toward Vax Mandates	12%	14%	8%	13%
Unsure	20%	9%	25%	25%

11. Which of the following four social issues concerns you the most?

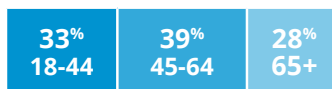
Racial Issues	16%	9%	18%	20%
Abortion	19%	31%	12%	14%
Violent Crime	26%	35%	16%	27%
Public Health	21%	10%	32%	20%
Unsure	19%	15%	22%	20%

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Results for this poll are based on automated telephone interviews conducted among a statewide sample of 511 likely Maine voters. Data for this survey research was collected by Cor Services, Inc.

Interviews were conducted via a computer-assisted telephone interviewing system utilizing techniques designed to achieve the highest possible respondent cooperation.

The surveys were conducted October 28-31, 2021. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.34 percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher for certain subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.

Data was sampled using weighted demographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement and the state election authorities. Demographic information for actual voters in past elections were used to construct sample target weights.

The Foundation for Government Accountability paid for all costs associated with this survey.