

FALL 2023 VIRGINIA

Issues Poll

	ALL VOTERS	GOP	DEM	IND
1. Which of the following state issues is most important to you?				
Jobs	14%	13%	14%	13%
Taxes	15%	18%	15%	12%
It's too easy to get an abortion.	2%	4%	1%	0%
It's too difficult to get an abortion.	6%	2%	10%	5%
Education	15%	13%	15%	16%
Crime and public safety	33%	32%	33%	32%
Election security	8%	11%	2%	12%
Traffic	3%	3%	3%	4%
Development	5%	5%	6%	5%
2. Would you support or oppose requiring school boards to publicly disclose all proposed school curricula?				
Strongly or Somewhat Support	81%	86%	77%	82%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	11%	6%	18%	9%
Unsure	7%	8%	5%	9%
3. Would you support or oppose allowing small business owners to run a business out of their home without having to obtain a permit from their local government?				
Strongly or Somewhat Support	63%	66%	57%	66%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	29%	26%	34%	25%
Unsure	8%	7%	9%	8%

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4. Would you support or oppose requiring able-bodied adults under 60 years old with no children under six to work, train, or volunteer at least part time as a condition of eligibility for food stamps?				
Strongly or Somewhat Support	69%	80%	58%	71%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	24%	13%	35%	23%
Unsure	7%	7%	7%	6%

5. Would you support or oppose requiring able-bodied adults to work, train, or volunteer at least 20 hours per week as a condition of eligibility for welfare?				
Strongly or Somewhat Support	75%	86%	66%	74%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	21%	11%	29%	21%
Unsure	4%	3%	4%	5%

6. Property taxes in Virginia are too high.				
Strongly or Somewhat Agree	85%	88%	85%	83%
Strongly or Somewhat Disagree	10%	10%	12%	9%
Unsure	4%	2%	3%	8%

7. Traffic in Virginia is too congested.				
Strongly or Somewhat Agree	79%	79%	81%	77%
Strongly or Somewhat Disagree	15%	15%	16%	15%
Unsure	5%	6%	3%	8%

8. There is too much development going on in Virginia.				
Strongly or Somewhat Agree	50%	52%	54%	44%
Strongly or Somewhat Disagree	39%	38%	36%	45%
Unsure	11%	10%	11%	12%

9. Some of the things public schools are teaching kids are not appropriate.				
Strongly or Somewhat Agree	54%	78%	34%	55%
Strongly or Somewhat Disagree	33%	13%	51%	32%
Unsure	12%	9%	15%	13%

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10. Crime rates in Virginia are too high.				
Strongly or Somewhat Agree	79%	85%	78%	75%
Strongly or Somewhat Disagree	14%	11%	17%	15%
Unsure	6%	4%	5%	10%

11. Thinking ahead to the Virginia legislative elections this fall, would you prefer to vote for a candidate who:				
Has a plan to reduce property taxes for Virginia homeowners?	24%	24%	23%	23%
Has a plan to reduce traffic congestion on Virginia's roads?	8%	5%	13%	5%
Has a plan for smarter development that works for everyone?	19%	11%	24%	21%
Wants schools to focus on education, not indoctrination?	26%	38%	15%	28%
Has a plan to reduce crime rates across the Commonwealth?	23%	22%	24%	22%

12. Which party do you most trust to handle issues related to crime?				
Definitely or probably Republicans	45%	86%	10%	46%
Definitely or probably Democrats	33%	5%	71%	16%
Both equally	10%	5%	10%	15%
Neither	12%	4%	9%	23%

13. Which party do you most trust to handle the economy?				
Definitely or probably Republicans	44%	91%	7%	41%
Definitely or probably Democrats	35%	2%	72%	24%
Both equally	10%	5%	13%	10%
Neither	11%	2%	8%	25%

14. Which party do you most trust to handle education?				
Definitely or probably Republicans	39%	84%	6%	34%
Definitely or probably Democrats	40%	5%	80%	28%
Both equally	10%	7%	7%	16%
Neither	11%	4%	7%	23%

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15. How do you plan to cast your vote in this year's legislative elections?				
I plan to vote in person on Election Day.	61%	67%	58%	57%
I plan to vote early in person.	19%	18%	19%	18%
I plan to vote early by mail.	14%	9%	17%	16%
I have already voted early.	1%	0%	2%	1%
I am unsure how I'm going to vote.	4%	4%	4%	4%
I am unsure if I'm going to vote at all.	2%	2%	1%	3%

DEMOGRAPHICS

PARTY AFFILIATION

32%
GOP

38%
DEM

30%
IND

AGE

38%
18-44

38%
45-64

24%
65+

EDUCATION

53%
NO FOUR-
YEAR DEGREE

47%
FOUR-YEAR
DEGREE

GENDER

47%
MALE

53%
FEMALE

Results for this poll were collected using a sampling frame from an online panel collected by the Center for Excellence in Polling. The statewide sample is of 519 likely Virginia voters.

The survey was conducted September 21–22, 2023. The margin of sampling error is ± 4.30 percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.

Data were post-stratified 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 was used to construct sample target weights.

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