

Connecticut Statewide - Issues Testing Survey

Conducted May 12-14, 2015

n=1006 | (+/-3.09%)



Q 1: How likely are you to vote in next year's elections for state and local candidates?

	Total
Total	1006
Definitely	899 89.4%
Probably	107 10.6%

Q 2: Do you approve or disapprove of the job that Governor Dan Malloy is doing?

	Total
Total	1006
Approve	380 37.8%
Strongly approve	117 11.7%
Some approve	263 26.1%
Disapprove	584 58.1%
Some disapprove	181 18.0%
Strongly disapprove	403 40.1%
Unsure	41 4.1%

Q 3: Do you approve or disapprove of the job the state legislature is doing?

	Total
Total	1006
Approve	382 38%
Strongly approve	68 6.8%
Some approve	314 31.2%
Disapprove	562 55.8%
Some disapprove	253 25.1%
Strongly disapprove	309 30.7%
Unsure	62 6.2%

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Q 4: Do you believe Connecticut is on the right track or wrong track?

	Total
Total	1006
<u>Right track</u>	356 35.3%
Definitely right track	105 10.4%
Some right track	251 24.9%
<u>Wrong track</u>	601 59.7%
Some wrong track	220 21.8%
Definitely wrong track	381 37.9%
Unsure	50 5.0%

Q 5: Over 20 years ago more than 81 percent of Connecticut residents voted for the state budget spending cap. Do you agree or disagree that Connecticut should still have a cap on state spending?

	Total
Total	1006
<u>Agree</u>	821 81.7%
Strongly agree	617 61.4%
Some agree	204 20.3%
<u>Disagree</u>	136 13.4%
Some disagree	77 7.6%
Strongly disagree	59 5.8%
Unsure	50 5.0%

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Q 6: The cap ties state spending to the growth in personal income in Connecticut-as determined by the greater of the current of rate of inflation or five-year average of the annual personal income growth for the state. Knowing the current structure of the cap, which of the following best describes your feelings about it?

	Total
Total	1006
<u>Support</u>	701 69.7%
Strongly support	338 33.6%
Some support	363 36.1%
<u>Oppose</u>	180 17.9%
Some oppose	127 12.6%
Strongly oppose	53 5.3%
No difference	82 8.1%
Unsure	43 4.3%

Q 7: How do you feel about Governor Malloy's budget proposal, which he says raises revenue by \$830 million by broadening the sales tax base and increasing corporate and hospital taxes along with cutting \$590 million from current services?

	Total
Total	1006
<u>Support</u>	255 25.3%
Strongly support	54 5.4%
Some support	201 19.9%
<u>Oppose</u>	683 67.8%
Some oppose	250 24.8%
Strongly oppose	433 43.0%
No difference	27 2.7%
Unsure	42 4.2%

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Q 8: How do you feel about the Democratic legislative proposal to raise tax revenue by roughly \$1.8 billion and restore many of the cuts from the Governor's proposals?

	Total
Total	1006
<u>Support</u>	363 36.1%
Strongly support	118 11.8%
Some support	245 24.3%
<u>Oppose</u>	551 54.8%
Some oppose	192 19.1%
Strongly oppose	359 35.7%
No difference	36 3.5%
Unsure	56 5.6%

Q 9: How do you feel about the Republican proposal that calls for about \$600 million in labor concessions, reductions in overtime costs, and the creation of a hybrid 401(k)-style pension plan?

	Total
Total	1006
<u>Support</u>	562 56%
Strongly support	293 29.2%
Some support	269 26.8%
<u>Oppose</u>	338 33.5%
Some oppose	168 16.7%
Strongly oppose	170 16.8%
No difference	40 4.0%
Unsure	66 6.5%

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Q 10: A few hundred Connecticut taxpayers pay 10 percent of total state tax collection. Do you agree or disagree that asking them to pay more might result in them leaving Connecticut - and paying nothing?

	Total
Total	1006
<u>Agree</u>	639 63.5%
Definitely agree	414 41.1%
Some agree	225 22.4%
<u>Disagree</u>	311 30.9%
Some disagree	162 16.1%
Definitely disagree	149 14.8%
Undecided	56 5.6%

Q 11: How would your support change for state lawmakers if they voted to increase taxes?

	Total
Total	1006
<u>More likely</u>	207 20.5%
Much more likely	53 5.2%
Some more likely	154 15.3%
<u>Less likely</u>	702 69.8%
Some less likely	241 24.0%
Much less likely	461 45.8%
No difference	97 9.7%

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Q 12: How would your support change for state lawmakers if they voted to increase spending above the constitutional cap?

	Total
Total	1006
<u>More likely</u>	169 16.9%
Much more likely	47 4.7%
Some more likely	122 12.2%
<u>Less likely</u>	734 73.1%
Some less likely	260 25.9%
Much less likely	474 47.2%
No difference	102 10.1%

Q 13: In terms of your personal political ideology, how would you consider yourself?

	Total
Total	1006
<u>Conservative</u>	376 37.3%
Very conservative	144 14.3%
Some conservative	232 23.0%
Moderate	365 36.3%
<u>Liberal</u>	266 26.4%
Some liberal	176 17.5%
Very liberal	90 8.9%

Q 14: What age range do you fall within?

	Total
Total	1006
18-34	111 11.0%
35-49	224 22.2%
50-64	371 36.9%
65 or older	300 29.9%

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Gender

	Total
Total	1006
Female	549 54.6%
Male	457 45.4%

Congressional District

	Total
Total	1006
1	206 20.5%
2	206 20.5%
3	197 19.6%
4	198 19.7%
5	198 19.7%

Race

	Total
Total	1006
White	758 75.3%
Hispanic	51 5.1%
Black	22 2.2%
Other/Unknown	175 17.4%

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Party

	Total
Total	1006
Democrat	371 36.9%
Non Partisan	320 31.9%
Republican	300 29.8%
Other	14 1.4%

Voter Propensity

	Total
Total	1006
Low	100 10.0%
Average	254 25.3%
High	426 42.3%
Highest	225 22.4%

Phone Type

	Total
Total	1006
Landline	776 77.1%
Cell	230 22.9%