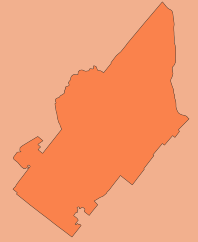




Pennsylvania



2026 general election poll: PA-HD-143 (October follow-up)

Likely-voter survey of the November 3, 2026 general election | Middle Bucks County

HD-143 **D** Tim Hayes **R** Shelby Labs

GOVERNOR **D** Josh Shapiro **R** Stacy Garrity

At a glance

ELECTION DATE	FIELD DATES	SAMPLE SIZE	MARGIN OF ERROR
November 3, 2026	October 10-14, 2026	486 likely voters	±4.4 points

Methodology

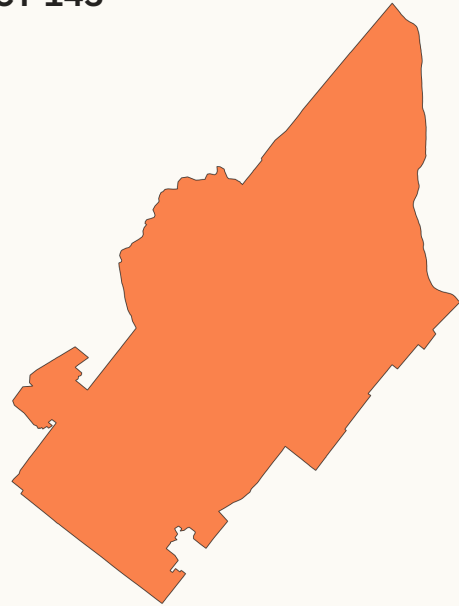
State Navigate surveyed **486** likely voters (550 respondents) in Pennsylvania's 143rd State House of Representatives District from **October 10-14, 2026**, including voters who had already cast a ballot. This is a follow-up to our September 18-20, 2026 poll: 175 respondents took both surveys, matched by ID. Text messages were sent to voters by AllianceForge, which directed them to an online survey hosted on the SurveyMonkey platform. The sample was drawn from a voter file provided by L2 and results were weighted by gender, race, age, education, party registration, and region to reflect the likely November 2026 general electorate. The margin of error is **4.4%** at a 95% confidence level. This survey was designed and conducted by the State Navigate Polling Team, and was not sponsored by any candidate or candidate's committee.

District DNA | HD-143 (LV)



STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 143

A State House district in middle Bucks County. Republican incumbent Shelby Labs is running for re-election against Democrat Tim Hayes, with Forward Independent candidate Chris Gambino also on the ballot.



Recent election results in HD-143

2024 President: Trump +5.5



2022 Governor: Shapiro +10.9



2022 U.S. Senate: Oz +0.1

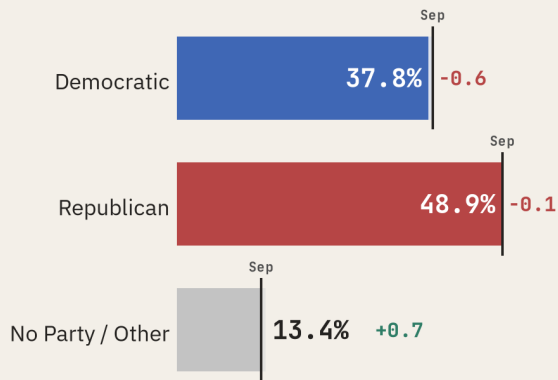


2024 State House: Labs +12.7

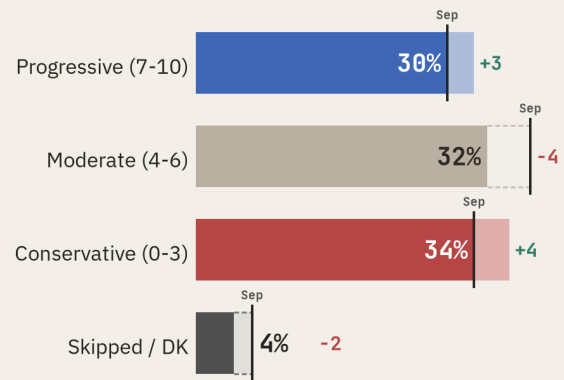


District DNA | Survey demographics

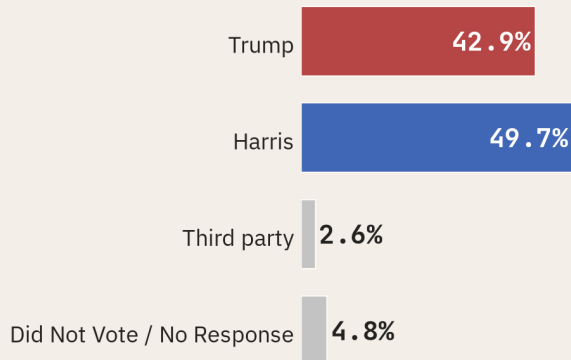
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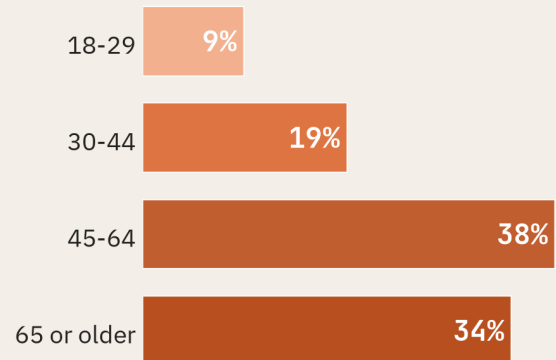
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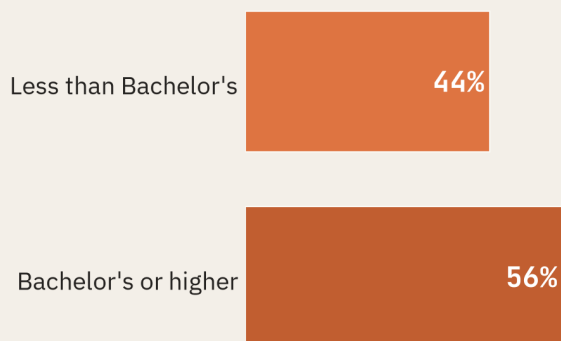
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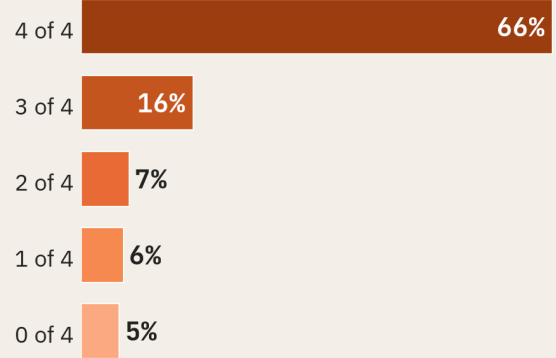
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VOTE HISTORY (LAST 4 GENERALS)

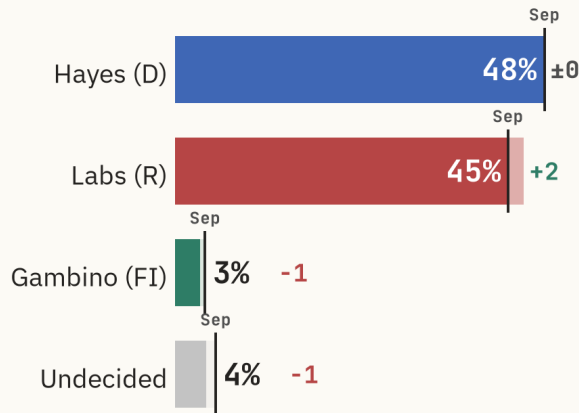


The snapshots

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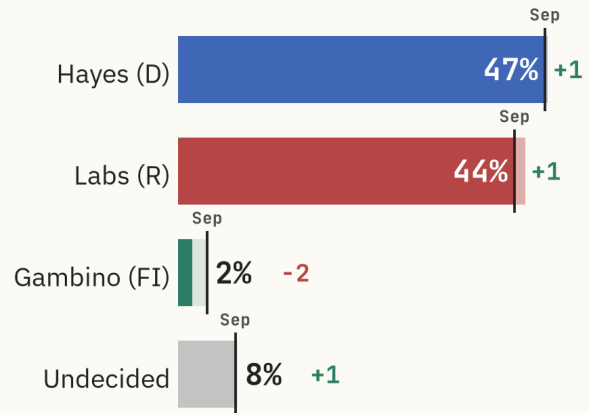
HD-143 with leaners

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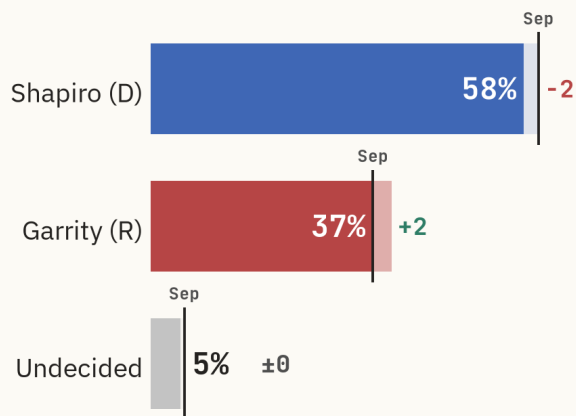
HD-143 before undecided push

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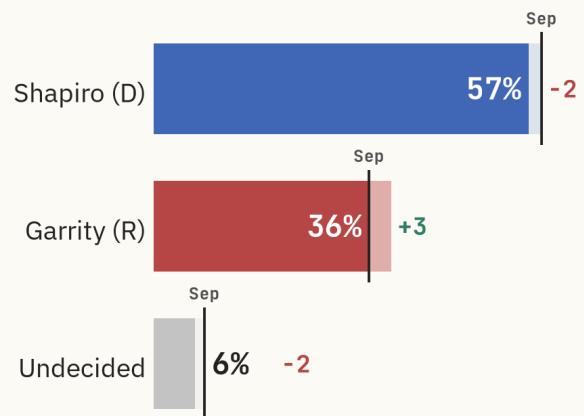
Governor with leaners

If the election for Governor were held today, which candidate would you vote for? (undecideds allocated via leaner follow-up). Includes early voters' reported choice.



Governor before undecided push

If the election for Governor were held today, which candidate would you vote for? (initial ballot, before leaner follow-up). Includes early voters' reported choice.



Tim Hayes (D) leads 48-45 with leaners in the HD-143 race, with 4% undecided. At the top of the ticket, Josh Shapiro (D) leads the Governor's race 58-37.

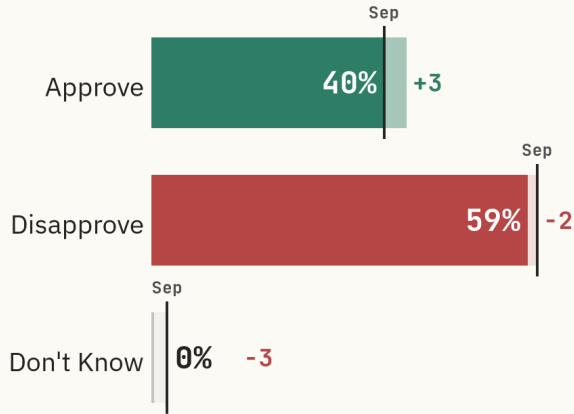
Early vote: 14% of likely voters say they have already voted (75 respondents), almost all by mail. Early voters back Hayes 61% to 36% over Labs; voters who have not yet cast a ballot split 46% to 47%. Early votes are counted in the topline, using the choice each early voter reported.

Executive approvals

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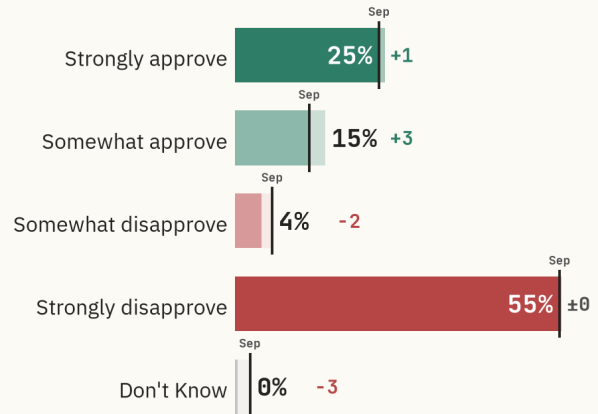
President Trump job approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?



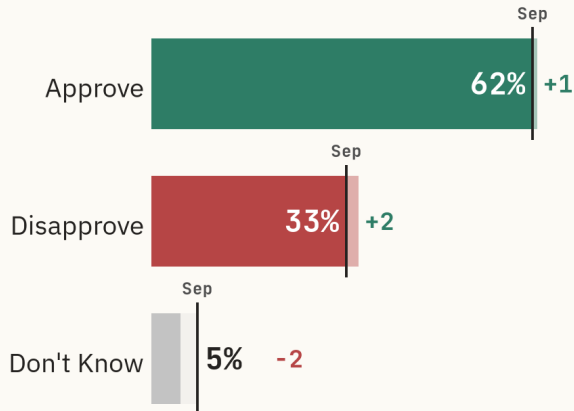
President Trump job approval (detailed)

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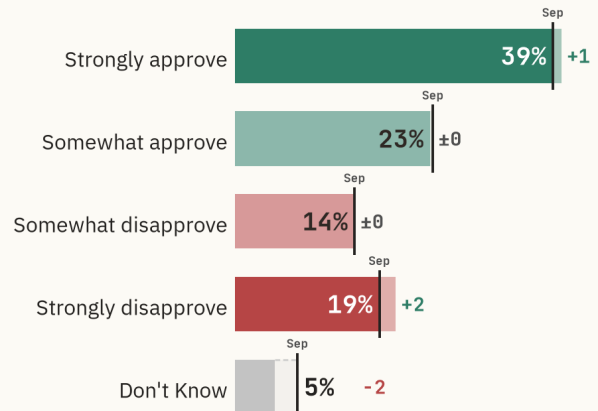
Gov. Shapiro job approval

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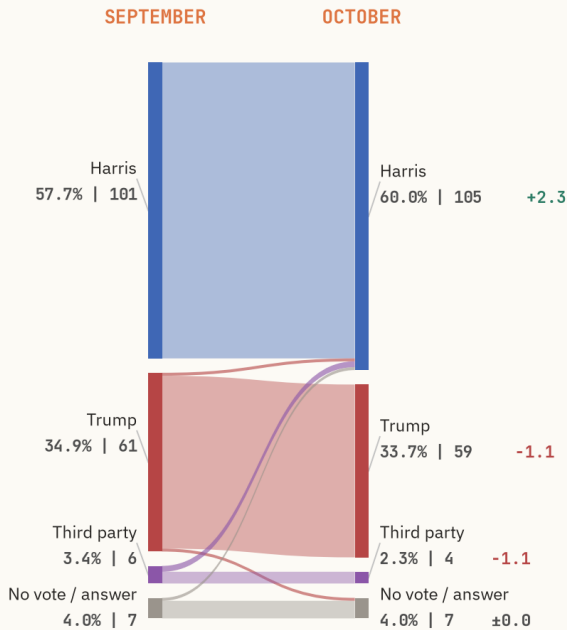


President Trump is underwater in HD-143 (40% approve / 59% disapprove), while **Gov. Shapiro sits at 62% approve / 33% disapprove**. The detailed breakdowns show how much of each number is strongly held versus soft.

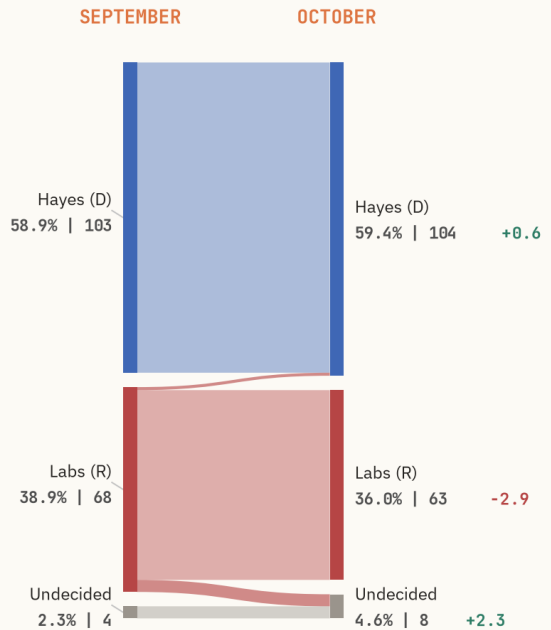
Same voters, two waves

Each chart follows the **175 respondents who took both our September 18-20, 2026 poll and this one**, matched by ID. September is on the left, October on the right (share | respondents, unweighted | net change in points).

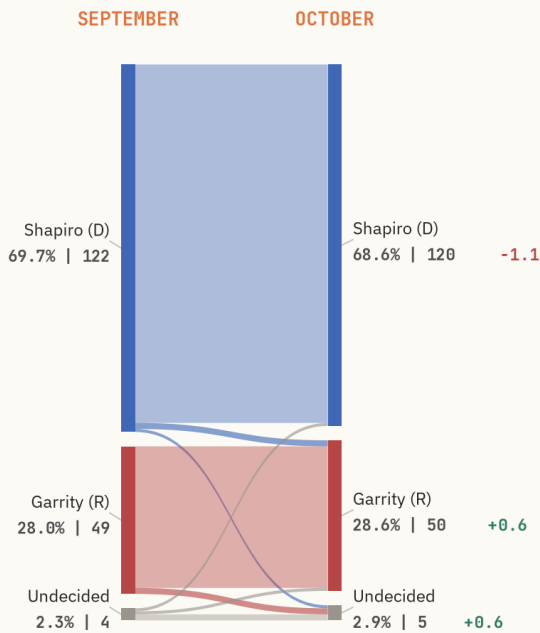
2024 presidential recall



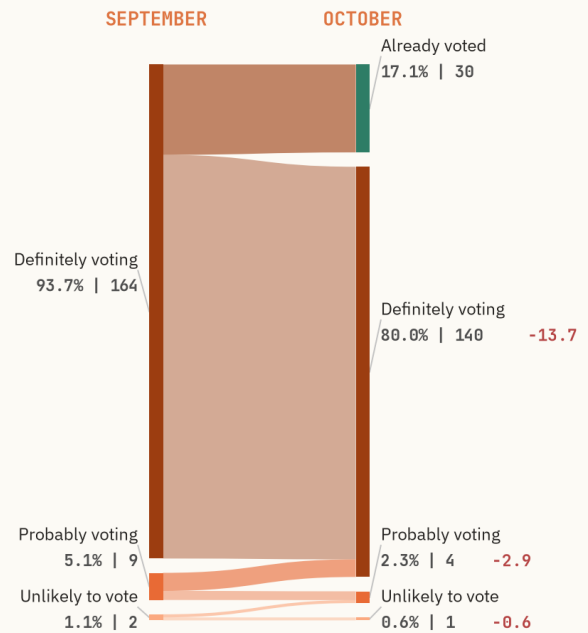
HD-143 vote (with leaners)



Governor vote (with leaners)



Vote likelihood



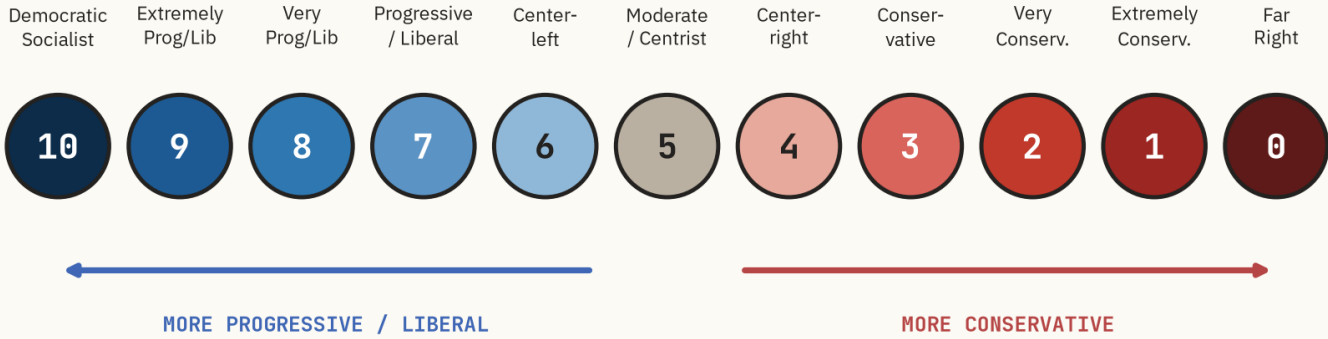
97.1% gave the same 2024 recall both times, **97.1%** made the same HD-143 choice and **96.0%** the same Governor choice. Among these voters, 1 moved from Labs to Hayes and 0 moved the other way; 0 September undecideds now back Hayes and 0 back Labs.

Survey ideology

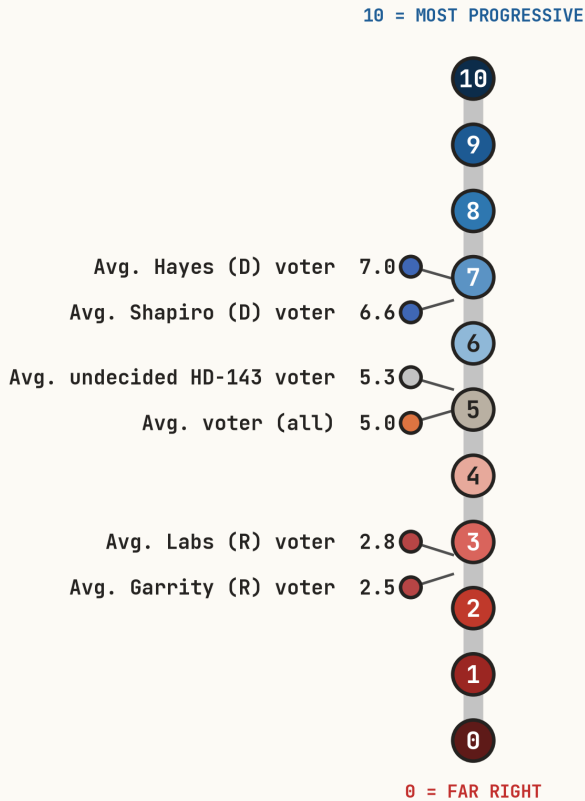
The self-placement scale

IDEOLOGICAL SELF-PLACEMENT SCALE

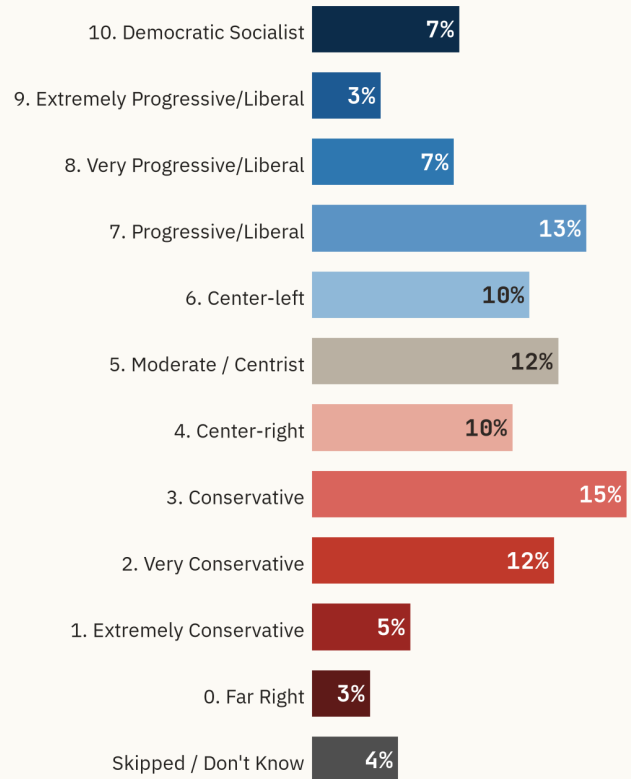
Place yourself — and each candidate — somewhere on the 0–10 scale.



AVERAGE BY VOTER GROUP



DETAILED SELF-PLACEMENT (ALL RESPONDENTS)

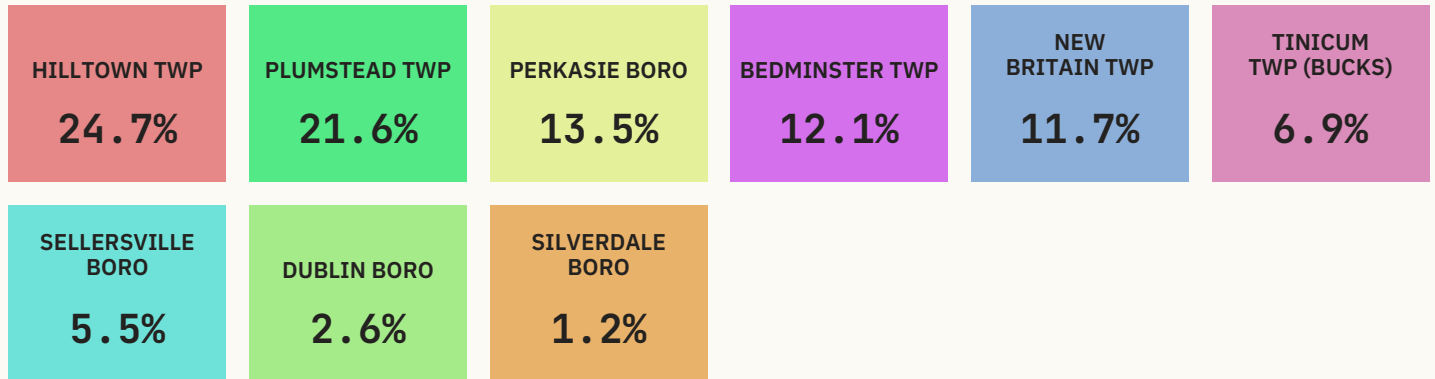


Ideology is respondents' self-placement on a 0-10 scale (10 = most progressive, 0 = far right). Detailed shares are of all respondents; 4.1% skipped the question. Group averages are weighted and computed among those who placed themselves (overall mean 5.0).

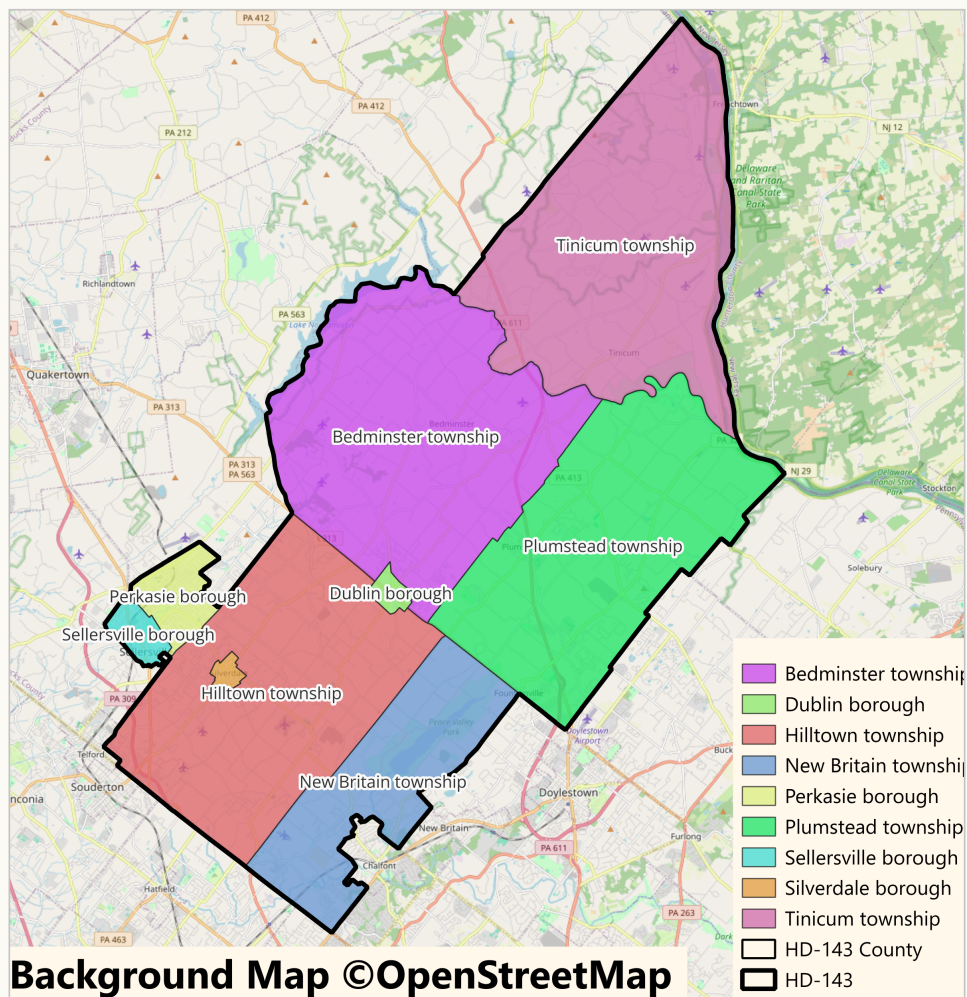
Appendix | Regions & weights

State House of Representatives District 143 was weighted by region. Cards show each region's share of the weighted likely-voter sample.

Region weights | Share of weighted sample



HD-143 by region



Team notes & analysis

The following analysis from the State Navigate polling team examines the forces shaping this race.

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON THE THIRD CANDIDATE

Labs has brought home Garrity voters who were looking at Gambino

Tim Hayes's share hasn't moved since September: he's at 48% in both polls. Shelby Labs has gained 2 points, from 43% to 45%, and most of that looks like Republicans coming home from Chris Gambino, the Forward Independent candidate. In September, 94% of Stacy Garrity voters backed Labs and 6% backed Gambino; now Labs wins 97% of them and Gambino just 1%. Gambino's support has slipped from 4% to 3% overall, and what's left of it now comes more from Josh Shapiro voters, 4% of whom back him, up from 2%. These are small numbers of people, so treat the details with caution, but the direction matters in a 3-point race: Gambino is now pulling more from Hayes's side of the ledger than from Labs's.

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON RECALL

All of HD-143's bluer recall comes from five voters rewriting 2024

Our 2024 presidential recall in HD-143 is 1.0 point bluer than it was in September: likely voters now recall Kamala Harris winning by 6.8 points, up from 5.8, in a district Donald Trump actually carried by 5.5. Unlike most of our follow-up polls, the shift comes entirely from people changing their story, not from who answered. Two things moved our recall in opposite directions. About 175 voters took both of our surveys, and if every one of them had given us the same answer they gave in September, our October recall would be Harris +5.3. That's half a point redder than September, so the different mix of people answering this time actually pulled our recall toward Trump. Voters changing their answers then pushed it 1.5 points back toward Harris, from +5.3 to +6.8. Those two forces net out to the 1.0-point shift, which is why the answer changes add up to more than the whole shift. It took just five people, about 1% of the likely electorate: two who told us in September that they backed a third-party candidate and one who said they didn't vote now say they voted for Harris, one Trump voter now says Harris, and another Trump voter now declines to answer. Four of the five now back Tim Hayes, and the fifth is undecided.

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Our polling team

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