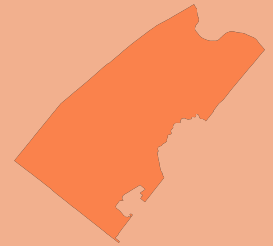




Pennsylvania



2026 general election poll: PA-HD-145

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

HD-145 **R** Craig Staats **I** Rebecca Prendergast

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	514 likely voters	±4.3 points

Methodology

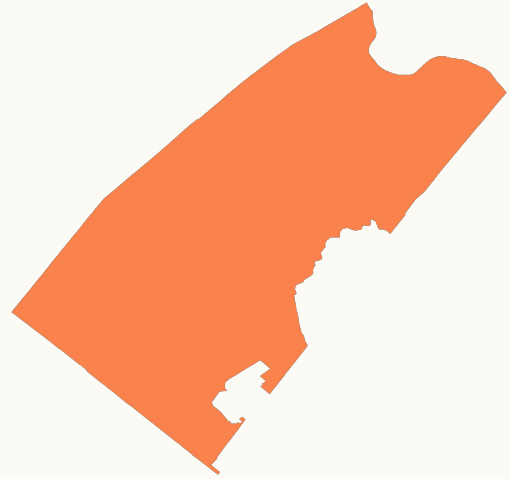
State Navigate surveyed **514** likely voters in Pennsylvania's 145th State House District from **October 10-14, 2026**. Text messages were sent to voters by AllianceForge, which directed them to an online survey hosted on the SurveyMonkey platform. The sample was drawn from a voter file provided by L2 and results were weighted by gender, race, age, education, party registration, and municipality to reflect the likely November 2026 general electorate. The margin of error is **4.3%** 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-145 (LV)



STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 145

A Pennsylvania State House district in Upper Bucks County, centered on Quakertown and Richland Township, and part of State Senate District 16. Republican incumbent Craig Staats faces independent candidate Rebecca Prendergast, with no Democrat on the ballot.

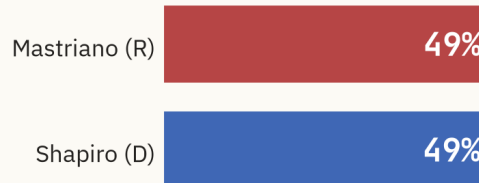


Recent election results in HD-145

2024 President: Trump +15.5



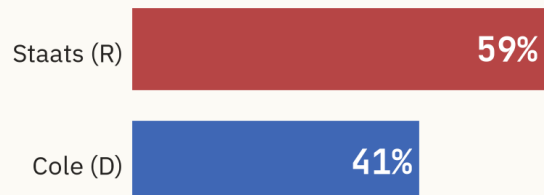
2022 Governor: Mastriano +0.1



2024 U.S. Senate: McCormick +14.6

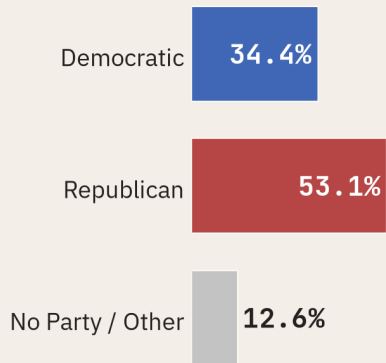


2024 State House: Staats +17.8

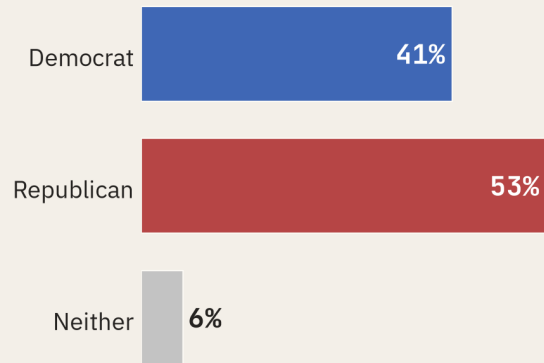


District DNA | Survey demographics

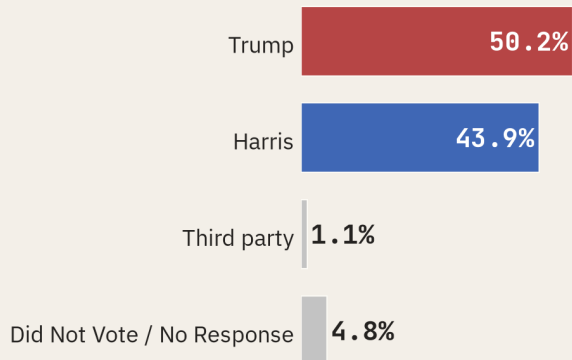
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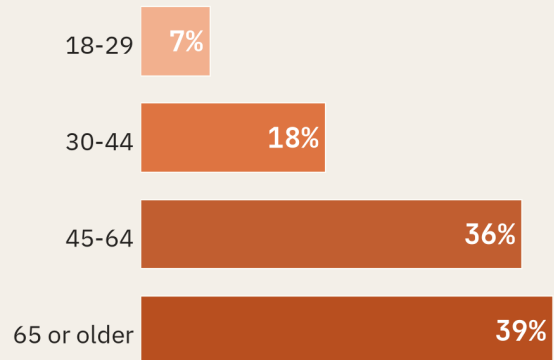
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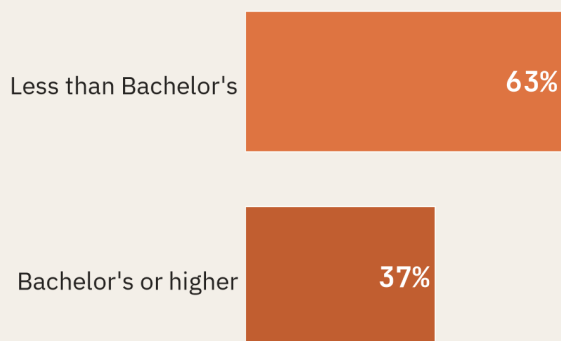
2024 PRESIDENTIAL VOTE (RECALLED)



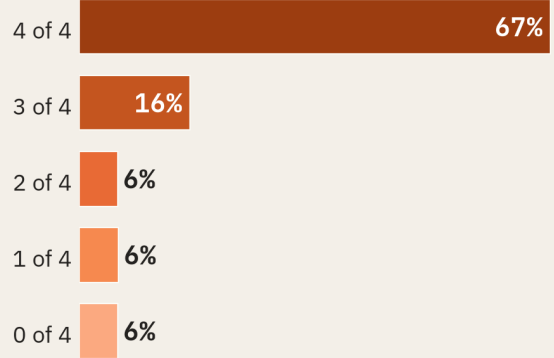
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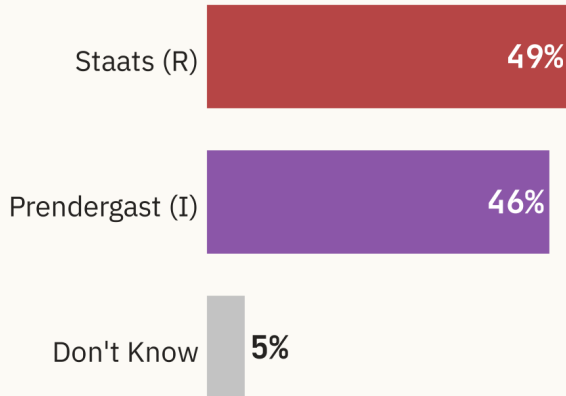
VOTE HISTORY (LAST 4 GENERALS)



The snapshots

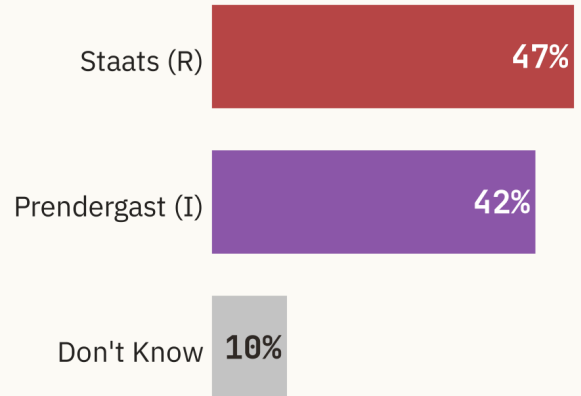
HD-145 with leaners

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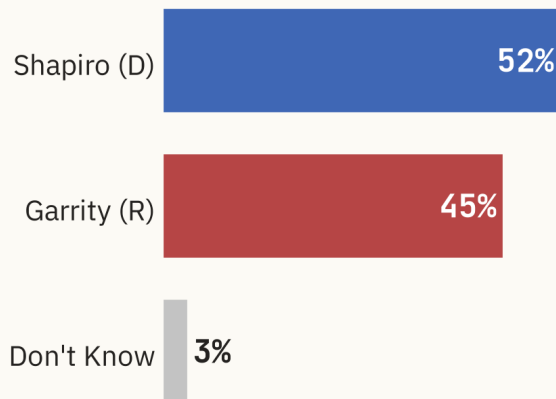
HD-145 before undecided push

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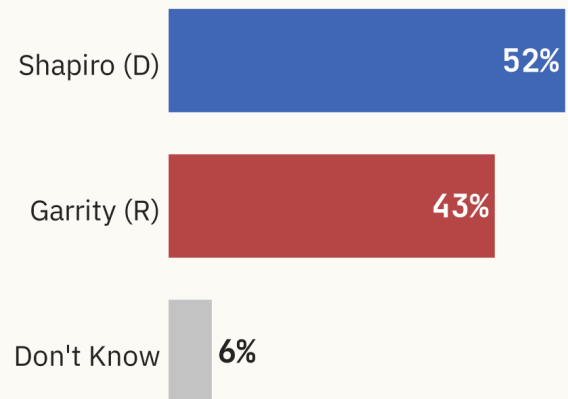
Governor with leaners

If the election for Governor were held today, which candidate would you vote for? (undecideds allocated via leaner follow-up)



Governor before undecided push

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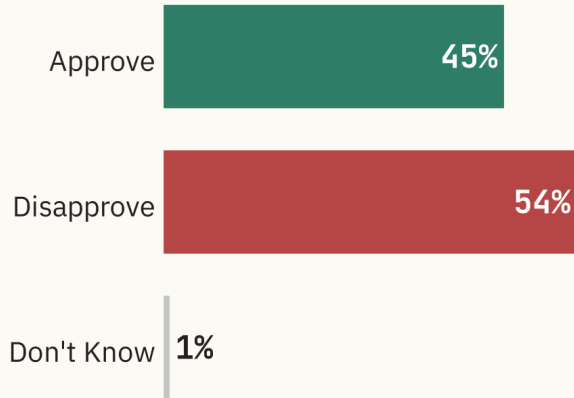


Craig Staats (R) leads 49-46 with leaners in HD-145, with 5% undecided. At the top of the ticket, Josh Shapiro (D) leads the Governor's race 52-45.

Executive approvals

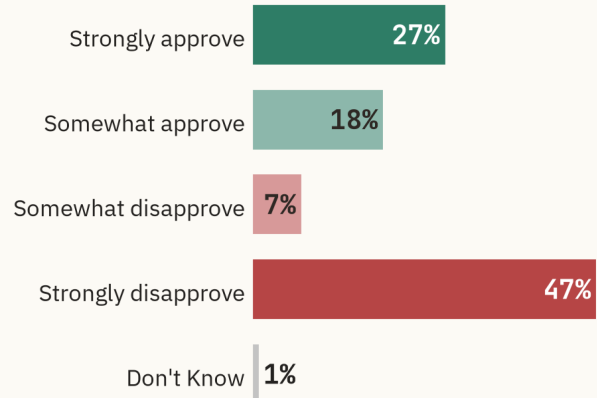
President Trump job approval

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



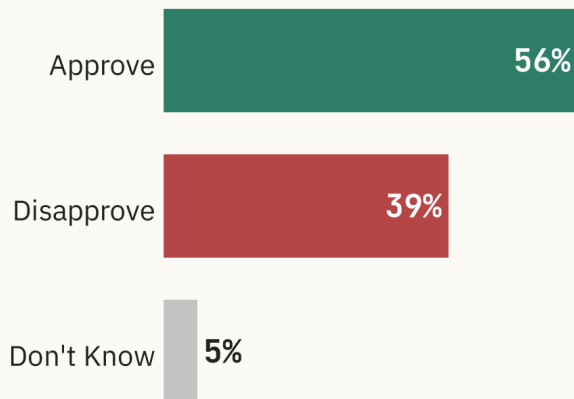
President Trump job approval (detailed)

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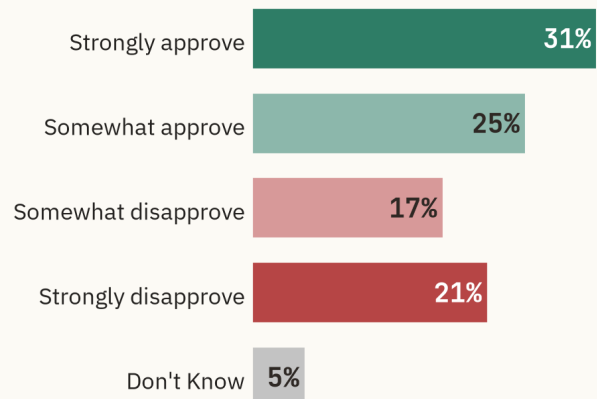
Gov. Shapiro job approval

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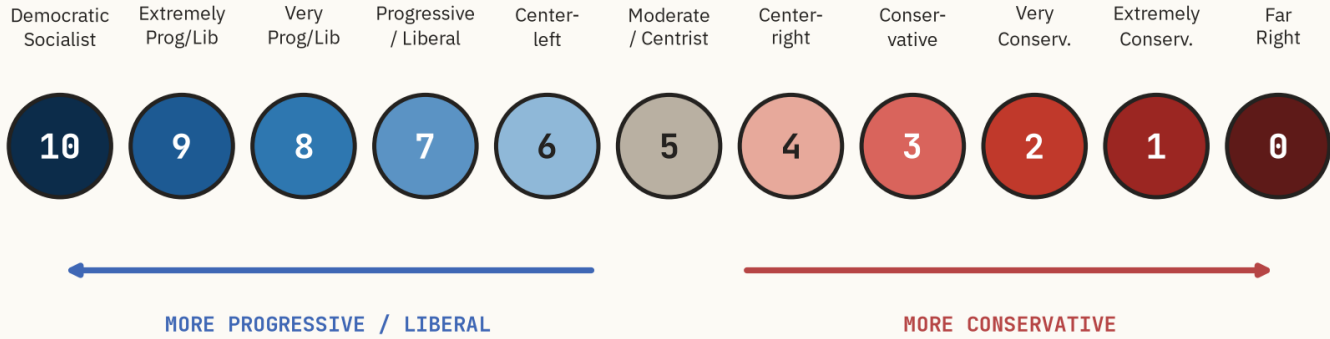
President Trump is underwater in HD-145 (45% approve / 54% disapprove), while **Gov. Shapiro sits at 56% approve / 39% disapprove**. The detailed breakdowns show how much of each number is strongly held versus soft.

Survey ideology

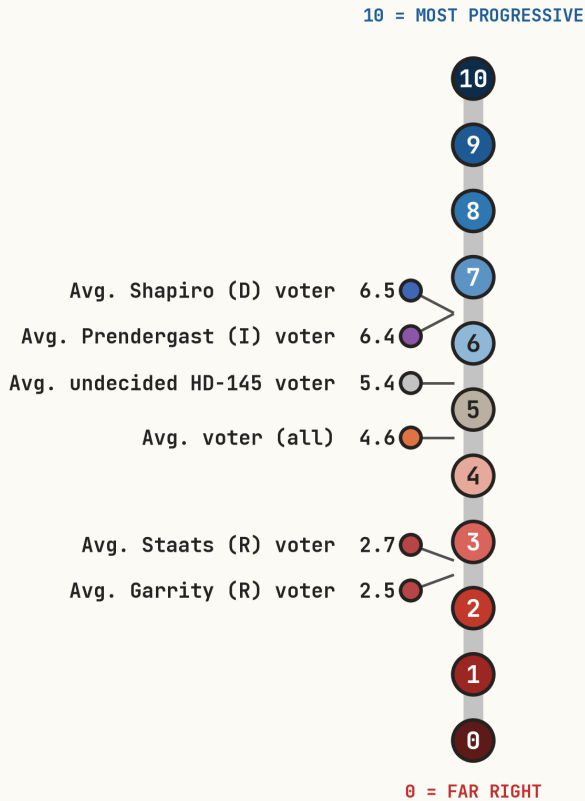
The self-placement scale

IDEOLOGICAL SELF-PLACEMENT SCALE

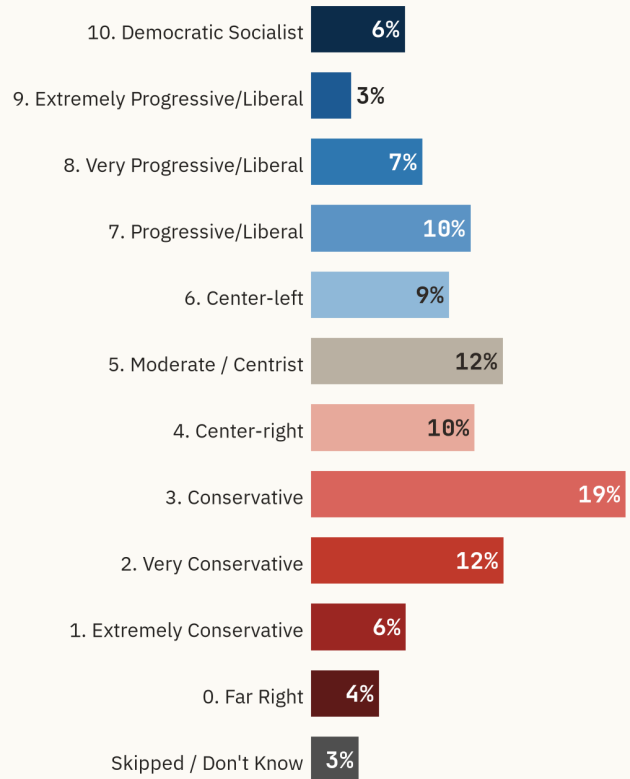
Place yourself — and each candidate — somewhere on the 0–10 scale.



AVERAGE BY VOTER GROUP



DETAILED SELF-PLACEMENT (ALL RESPONDENTS)

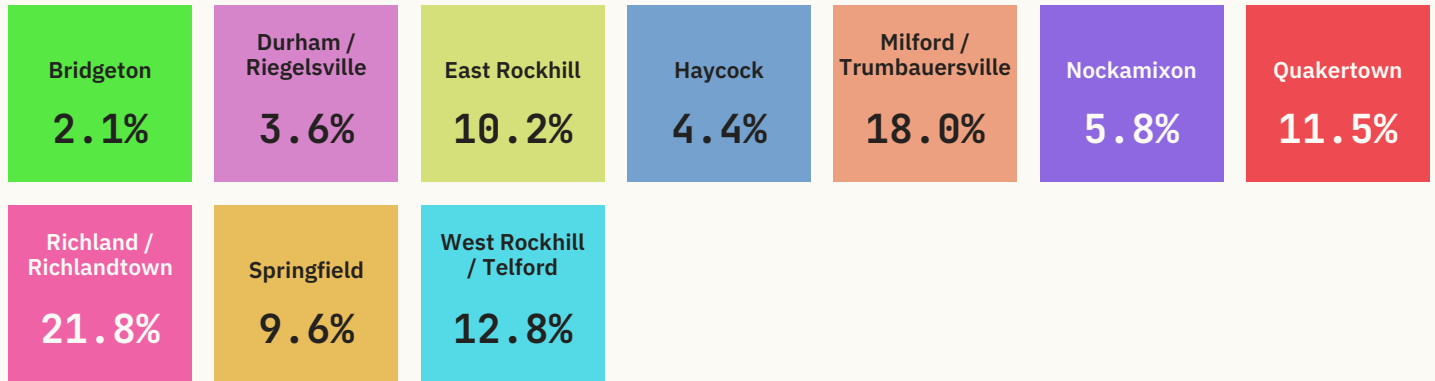


Ideology is respondents' self-placement on a 0-10 scale (10 = most progressive, 0 = far right). Detailed shares are of all respondents; 3.0% skipped the question. Group averages are weighted and computed among those who placed themselves (overall mean 4.6).

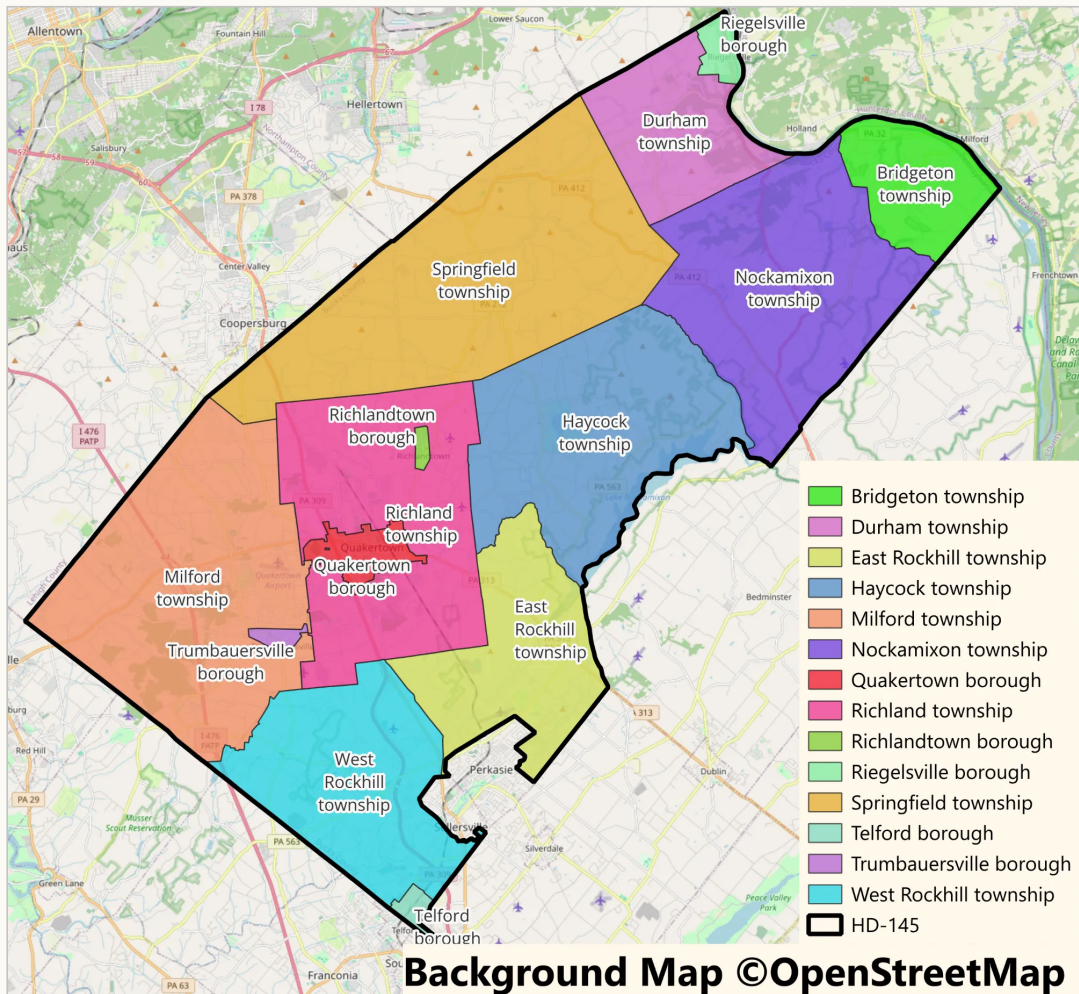
Appendix | Regions & weights

State House District 145 was weighted by region. Cards show each region's share of the weighted likely-voter sample.

Region weights | Share of weighted sample



HD-145 by region



Team notes & analysis

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

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON THE INDEPENDENT

Prendergast is running as the Democrat in all but name

There's no Democrat on the ballot in HD-145, and Rebecca Prendergast is filling that space. She wins 87% of registered Democrats and 70% of voters registered with neither major party, while Craig Staats holds 82% of registered Republicans and Prendergast takes 14% of them. The same pattern shows up at the top of the ticket: Prendergast wins 81% of Josh Shapiro voters, and Staats wins 90% of Stacy Garrity voters. That's what makes this race close. Staats leads 49% to 46% in a district he carried by nearly 18 points in 2024, and Shapiro leads here 52% to 45% in a district Doug Mastriano narrowly carried in 2022. Staats runs 4 points ahead of Garrity, but he wins only 14% of Shapiro voters. If Prendergast holds the Shapiro coalition together, this race is a toss-up.

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON RECALL

Our recall is bluer than the district, so read the margin with care

Likely voters in our HD-145 poll recall voting for Donald Trump by 6 points in 2024, in a district he carried by 15.5. That 9-point gap is smaller than in most of our other Pennsylvania polls this fall, but it runs in the direction that helps Prendergast. Some of it is likely voters misremembering or misreporting their 2024 vote in a year when Trump is unpopular: 54% of likely voters here disapprove of the job he's doing, and 45% approve. Some of it is probably who answered. We weight HD-145 to the district's party registration, which keeps the partisan mix in line, but if the remaining gap reflects Republican-leaning voters who were less willing to take our survey, Staats's true position is somewhat stronger than his 3-point lead suggests.

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Our polling team

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