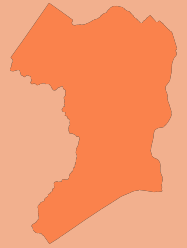




Pennsylvania



2026 general election poll: PA-HD-18 (October follow-up)

Likely-voter survey of the November 3, 2026 general election | Bensalem Township & Hulmeville Borough, Bucks County

HD-18 **D** Bryan Allen **R** Kathleen KC Tomlinson

GOVERNOR **D** Josh Shapiro **R** Stacy Garritty

At a glance

ELECTION DATE

November 3, 2026

FIELD DATES

October 9-11, 2026

SAMPLE SIZE

328 likely voters

MARGIN OF ERROR

±5.4 points

Methodology

State Navigate surveyed **328** likely voters (372 respondents) in Pennsylvania's 18th State House of Representatives District from **October 9-11, 2026**, including voters who had already cast a ballot. This is a follow-up to our July 31-August 3, 2026 poll: 127 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 i360 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 **5.4%** 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-18 (LV)



STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 18

A Pennsylvania State House district in Lower Bucks County covering Bensalem Township and Hulmeville Borough, and one of the five House districts that make up State Senate District 6. Republican incumbent Kathleen KC Tomlinson faces Democrat Bryan Allen.



Recent election results in HD-18

2024 President: Trump +3.3



2022 Governor: Shapiro +20.2



2022 State House: Tomlinson +4.6

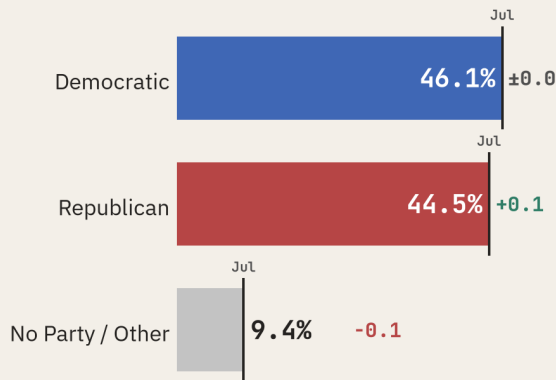


2024 State House: Tomlinson +11.3

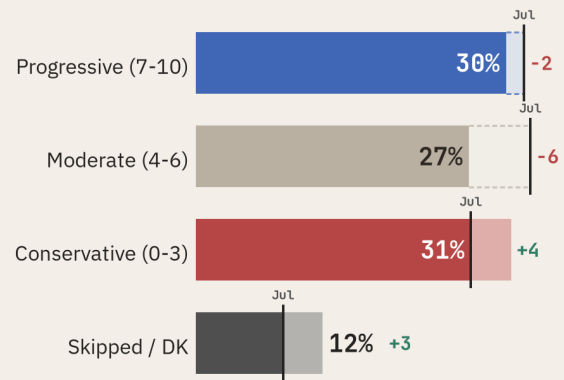


District DNA | Survey demographics

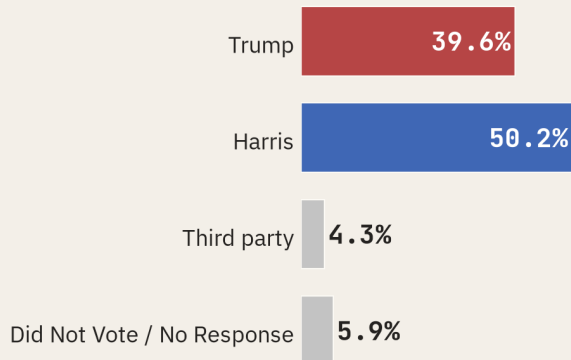
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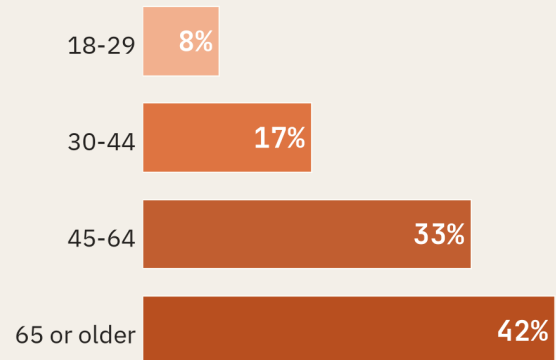
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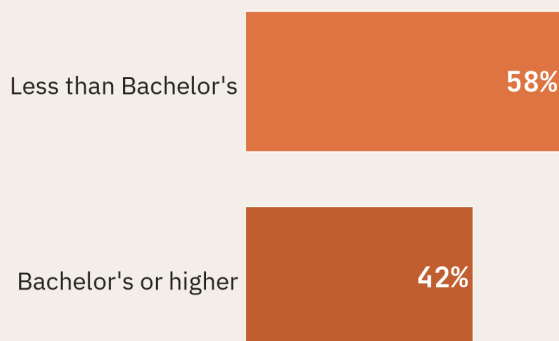
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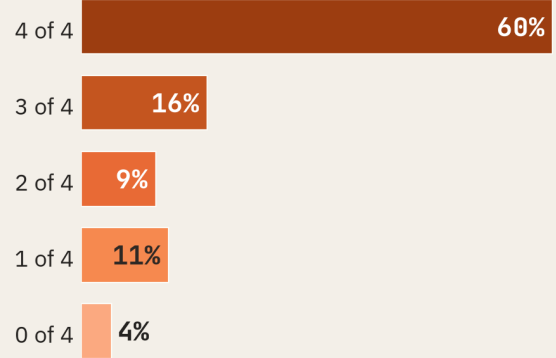
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EDUCATION



VOTE HISTORY (LAST 4 GENERALS)

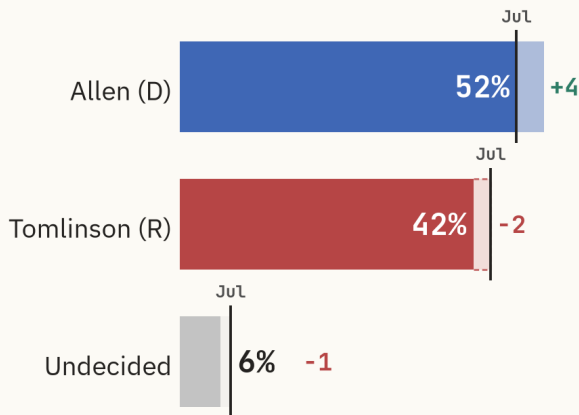


The snapshots

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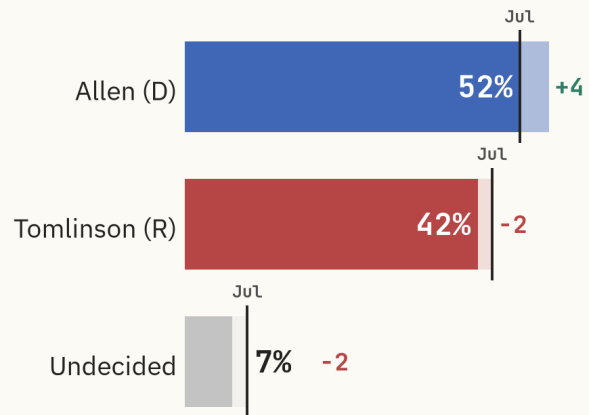
HD-18 with leaners

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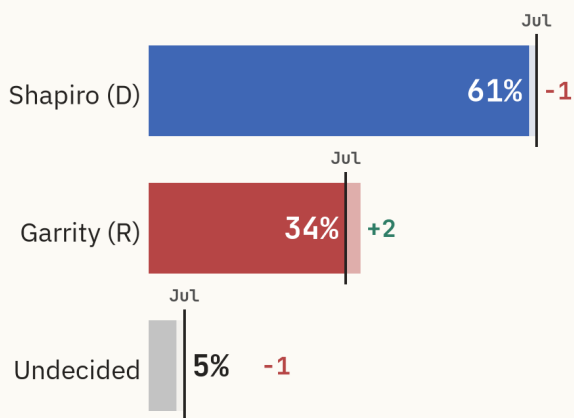
HD-18 before undecided push

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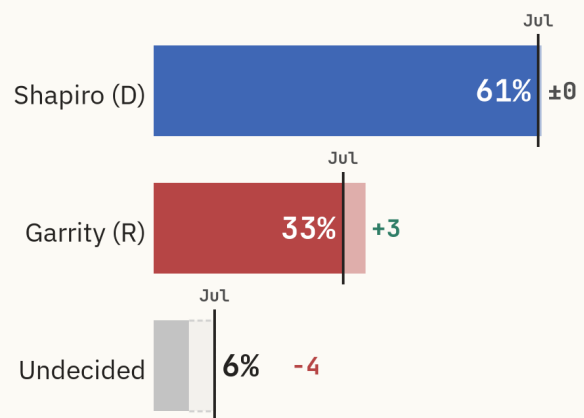
Governor with leaners

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.



Bryan Allen (D) leads 52-42 with leaners in the HD-18 race, with 6% undecided. At the top of the ticket, Josh Shapiro (D) leads the Governor's race 61-34.

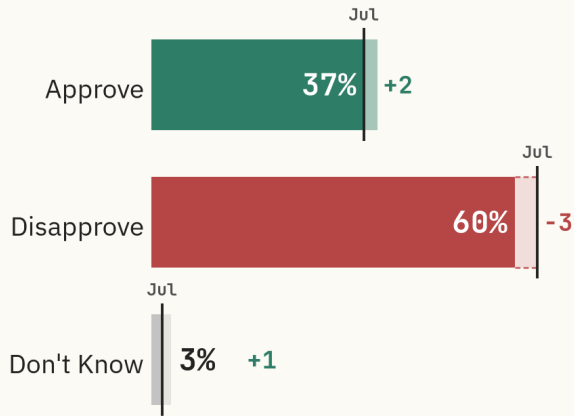
Early vote: 16% of likely voters say they have already voted (54 respondents), almost all by mail. Early voters back Allen 63% to 33% over Tomlinson; voters who have not yet cast a ballot split 50% to 44%. Early votes are counted in the topline, using the choice each early voter reported.

Executive approvals

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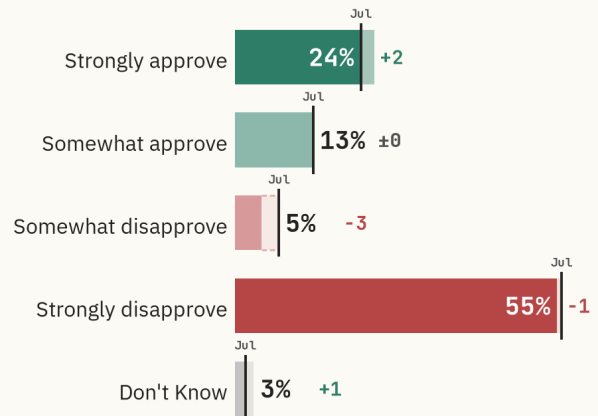
President Trump job approval

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



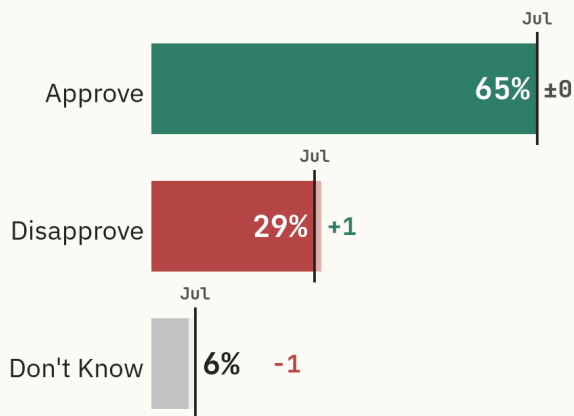
President Trump job approval (detailed)

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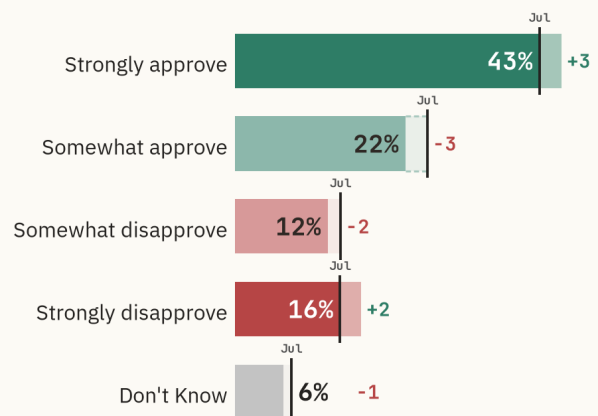
Gov. Shapiro job approval

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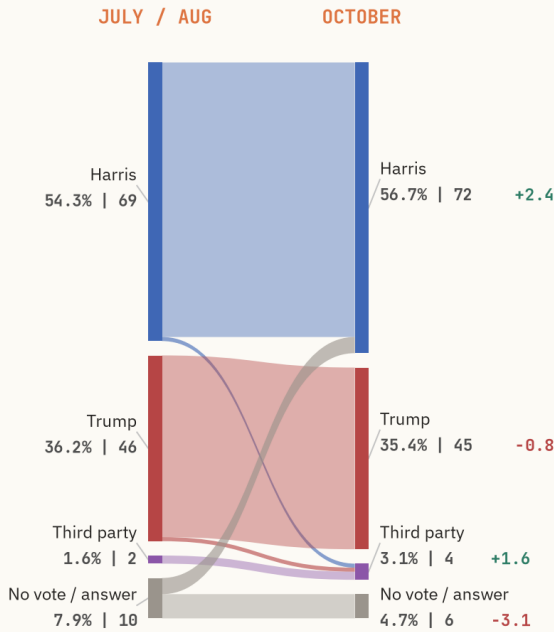


President Trump is underwater in HD-18 (37% approve / 60% disapprove), while Gov. Shapiro sits at 65% approve / 29% disapprove. The detailed breakdowns show how much of each number is strongly held versus soft.

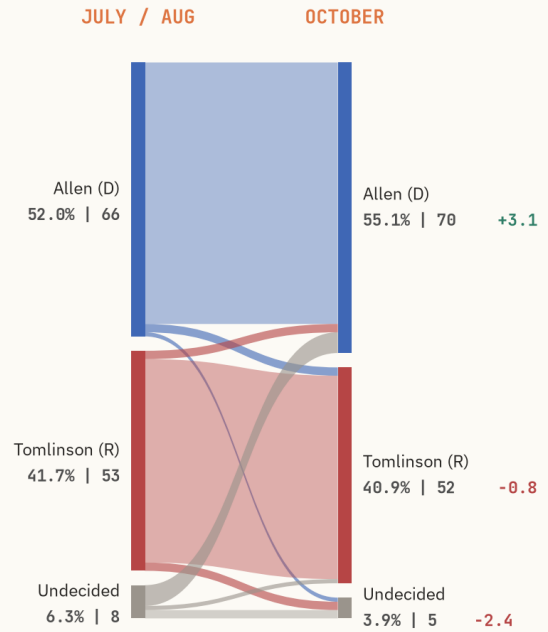
Same voters, two waves

Each chart follows the **127 respondents who took both our July 31-August 3, 2026 poll and this one**, matched by ID. July is on the left, October on the right (share | respondents, unweighted | net change in points).

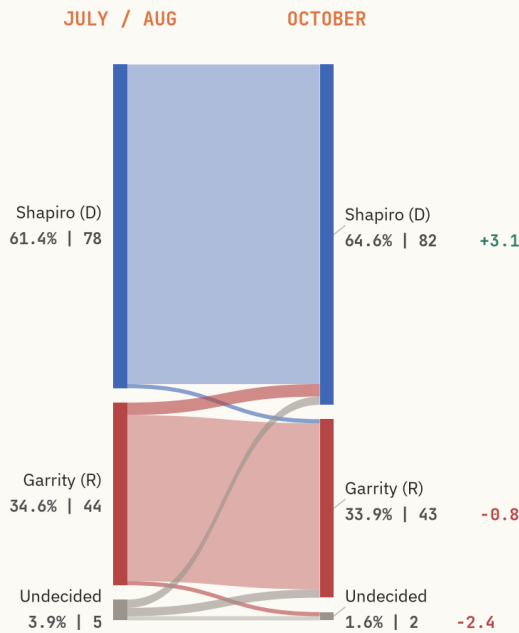
2024 presidential recall



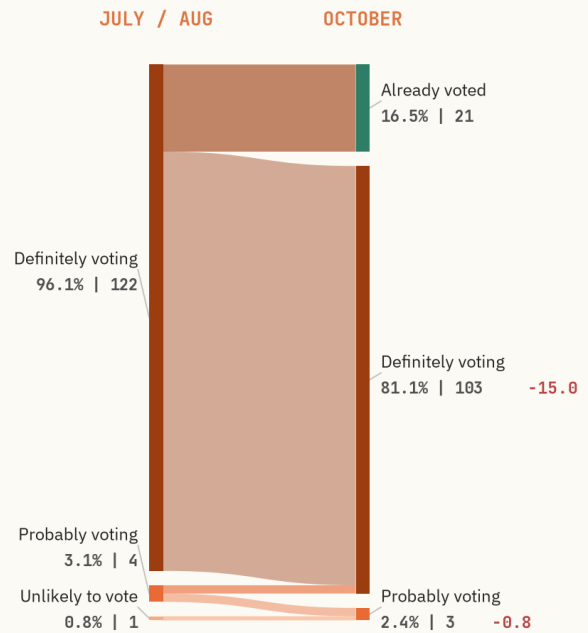
HD-18 vote (with leaners)



Governor vote (with leaners)



Vote likelihood



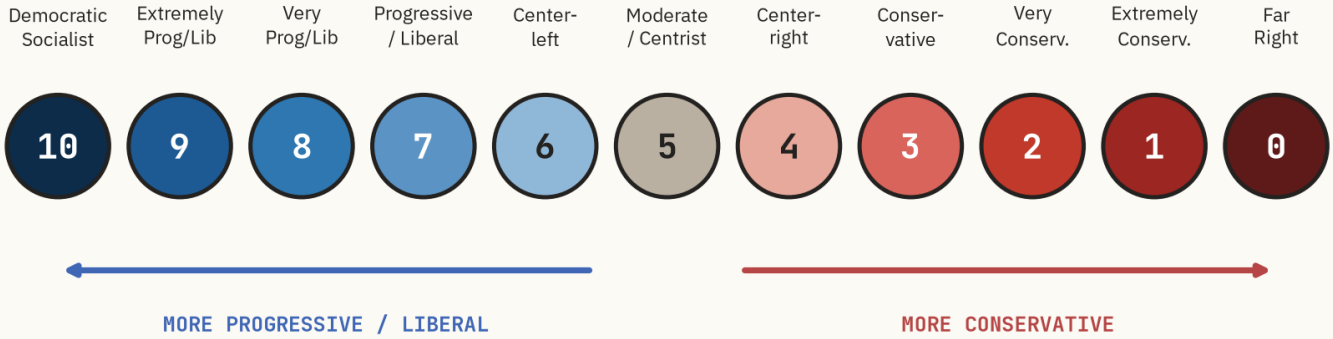
95.3% gave the same 2024 recall both times, **89.8%** made the same HD-18 choice and **92.9%** the same Governor choice. Among these voters, 2 moved from Tomlinson to Allen and 2 moved the other way; 5 July undecideds now back Allen and 1 back Tomlinson.

Survey ideology

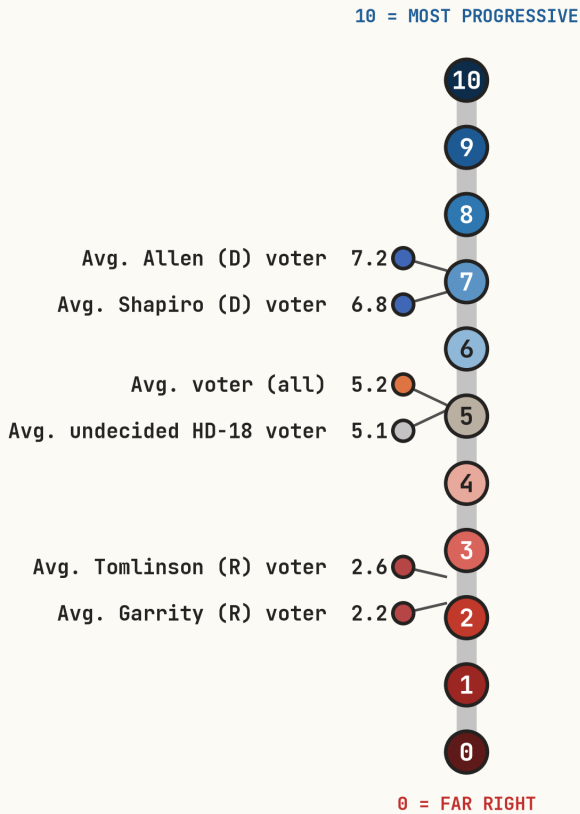
The self-placement scale

IDEOLOGICAL SELF-PLACEMENT SCALE

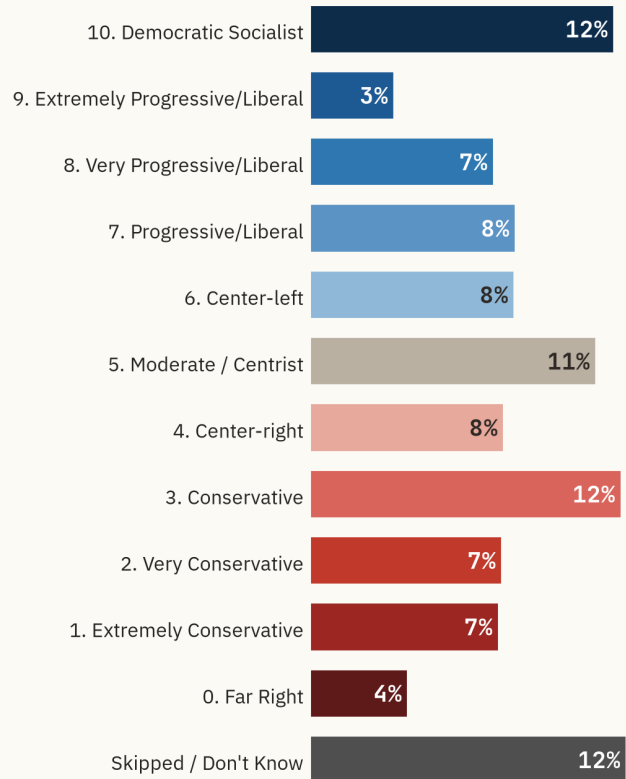
Place yourself — and each candidate — somewhere on the 0–10 scale.



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; 12.3% skipped the question. Group averages are weighted and computed among those who placed themselves (overall mean 5.2).

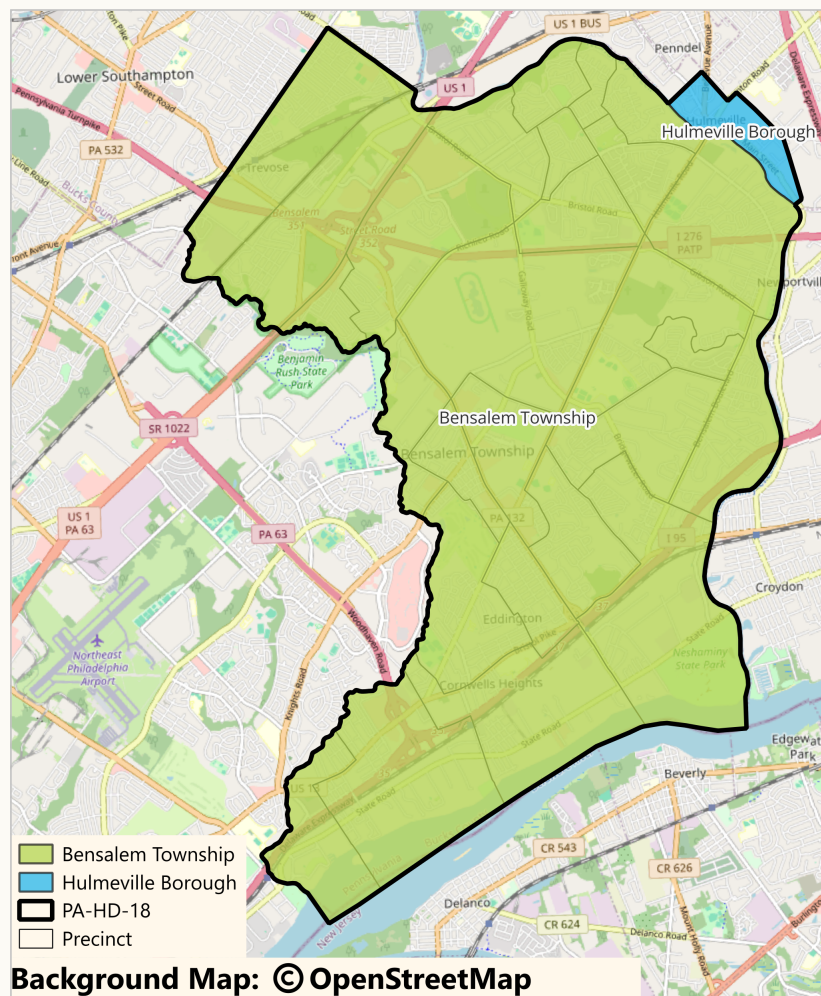
Appendix | Regions & weights

State House of Representatives District 18 was weighted by region. Cards show each region's share of the weighted likely-voter sample.

Region weights | Share of weighted sample



HD-18 by region



Team notes & analysis

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

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON INCOME

Allen's working-class lead holds as he gains with higher earners

In July, Allen's lead was built on working-class voters: he led by 16 points among voters in households earning less than \$100,000 a year, while Tomlinson led by 13 among those earning \$100,000 to \$150,000, and the wealthiest voters were split evenly. Allen still leads with working-class voters, by 10 points (52% to 42%), but his gains since July have come from further up the income ladder. He now leads by 5 points among voters earning \$100,000 to \$150,000 and by 14 points (56% to 42%) among those earning more than \$150,000. Those higher-income groups are smaller, so their margins carry more uncertainty, but the direction is clear: Tomlinson no longer has an income bracket she can count on.

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON VOTER PROPENSITY

Low-propensity voters are still Allen's base

Allen's coalition still leans on the voters who show up least often. Among voters who cast a ballot in zero or one of the last four general elections, Allen leads 75% to 19%, a wider margin than the 31 points he had with them in July. Among the most reliable voters, those who turned out in all four of the last four general elections and make up 60% of the electorate, Allen holds a narrower 49% to 45% lead, down slightly from a 7-point edge in July. The middle of the electorate has tightened most: Tomlinson led voters who cast a ballot in two or three of the last four elections by 16 points in July, and now leads them by just 4. Allen is ahead with every turnout group except that middle tier, but his lead depends on turning out irregular voters in November.

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON UNDECIDEDS

The remaining undecideds are more Democratic, but less anti-Trump

The undecided pool in the State House race has shrunk from 7% of likely voters in July to 6%, and its makeup has changed sharply. In July, registered Republicans outnumbered Democrats among undecided voters 43% to 24%; now 53% of the remaining undecideds are registered Democrats and just 20% are Republicans. They're also no longer as hostile to President Trump as they were: 62% disapprove of the job he's doing, down from 79% in July and roughly in line with the 60% of the district as a whole, while 17% approve, up from 8%. They still lean toward Josh Shapiro, 51% to 11% over Stacy Garrity, but that's a smaller margin than the 59% to 11% he had with July's undecideds, and 38% of them are undecided in the Governor's race too. These are registered Democrats who haven't committed to the top of their own ticket, which makes them Bryan Allen's voters to lose rather than Kathleen Tomlinson's to win.

Team notes & analysis

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON RECALL

Half of HD-18's recall shift is voters changing their answers

Our 2024 presidential recall in HD-18 is 1.3 points bluer than it was in July: likely voters now recall Kamala Harris winning by 10.6 points, up from 9.3, in a district Donald Trump actually carried by 3.3. About 130 voters took both of our surveys, and if every one of them had given us the same answer they gave in July, our October recall would be Harris +9.9. Voters changing their answers account for 0.7 of the 1.3 points, more than half of the shift. Only six people changed their answer, about 2% of the likely electorate, and none switched directly between Trump and Harris. Four of them moved toward Harris from the edges: two who said they didn't vote and two who declined to answer in July now say they voted for her. The other two, one Harris voter and one Trump voter, now say they backed a third-party candidate. Four of the six now back Bryan Allen.

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Our polling team

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