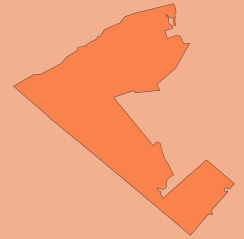




Pennsylvania



2026 general election poll: PA-HD-187 (October follow-up)

Likely-voter survey of the November 3, 2026 general election | Western Lehigh County

HD-187 D Rachel Cuevas R Gary Day

GOVERNOR D Josh Shapiro R Stacy Garrity

At a glance

ELECTION DATE

November 3, 2026

FIELD DATES

October 10-14, 2026

SAMPLE SIZE

373 likely voters

MARGIN OF ERROR

±5.1 points

Methodology

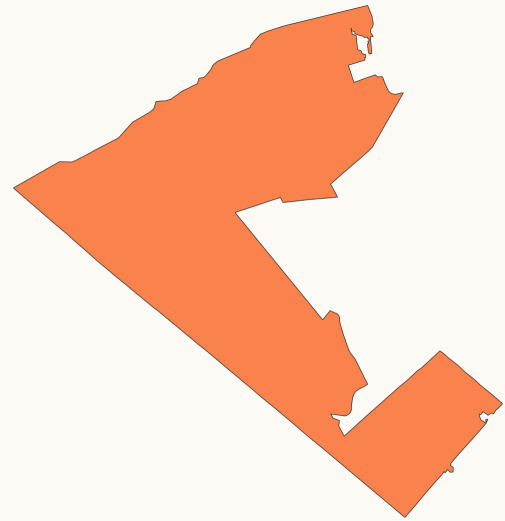
State Navigate surveyed **373** likely voters (438 respondents) in Pennsylvania's 187th State House of Representatives District from **October 10-14, 2026**, including voters who had already cast a ballot. This is a follow-up to our September 18-20, 2026 poll: 127 respondents took both surveys, matched 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 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 **5.1%** 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-187 (LV)



STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 187

A State House district in western Lehigh County that sits entirely within State Senate District 16. Republican incumbent Gary Day is running for re-election against Democrat Rachel Cuevas.



Recent election results in HD-187

2024 President: Trump +9.4

Trump (R)

54%

Harris (D)

45%

2022 Governor: Shapiro +6.4

Shapiro (D)

52%

Mastriano (R)

46%

2022 U.S. Senate: Oz +3.7

Oz (R)

50%

Fetterman (D)

47%

2024 State House: Day +10.7

Day (R)

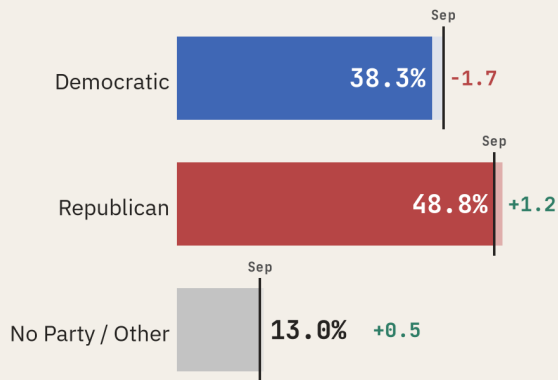
55%

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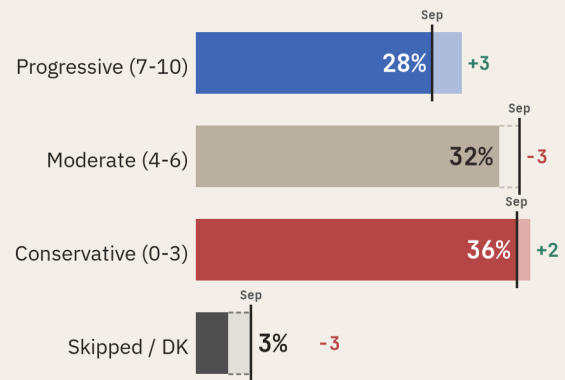
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District DNA | Survey demographics

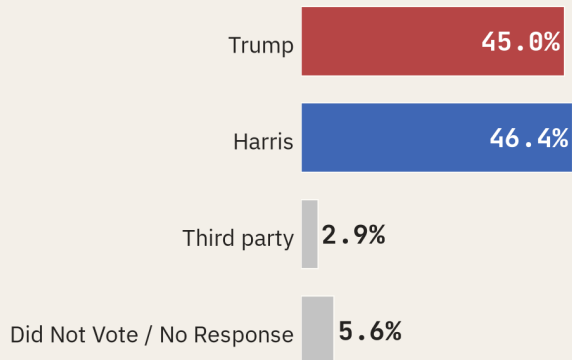
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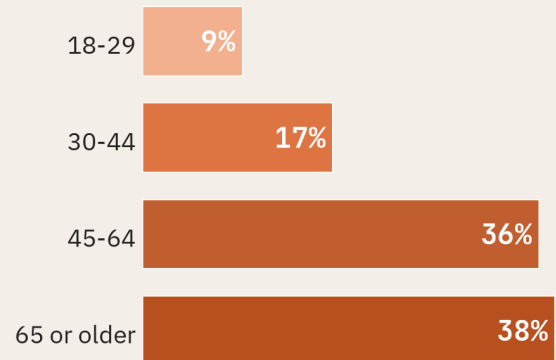
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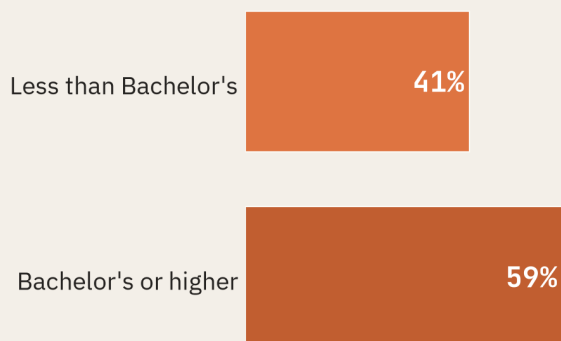
2024 PRESIDENTIAL VOTE (RECALLED)



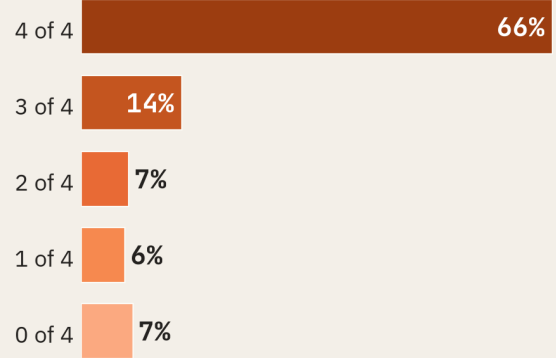
AGE



EDUCATION



VOTE HISTORY (LAST 4 GENERALS)

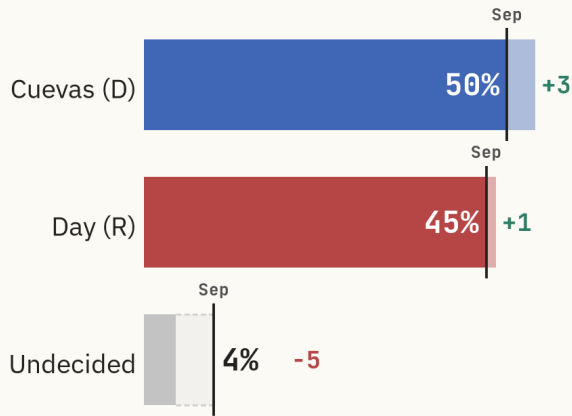


The snapshots

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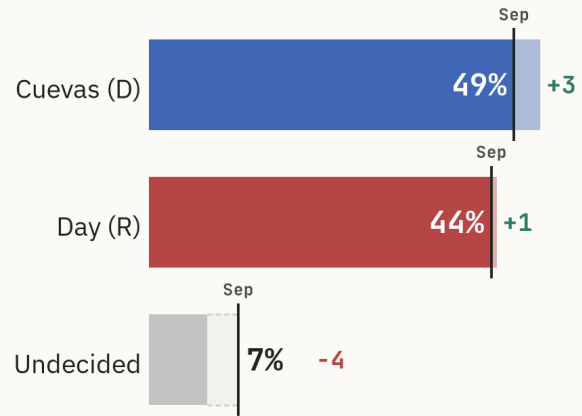
HD-187 with leaners

If the election for Pennsylvania State House of Representatives District 187 were held today, which candidate would you vote for? (undecideds allocated via leaner follow-up). Includes early voters' reported choice.



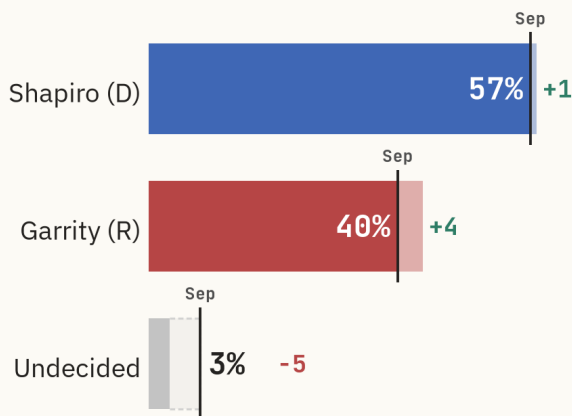
HD-187 before undecided push

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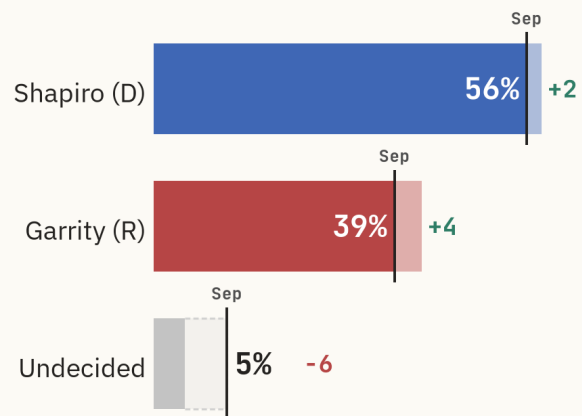
Governor with leaners

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.



Rachel Cuevas (D) leads 50-45 with leaners in the HD-187 race, with 4% undecided. At the top of the ticket, Josh Shapiro (D) leads the Governor's race 57-40.

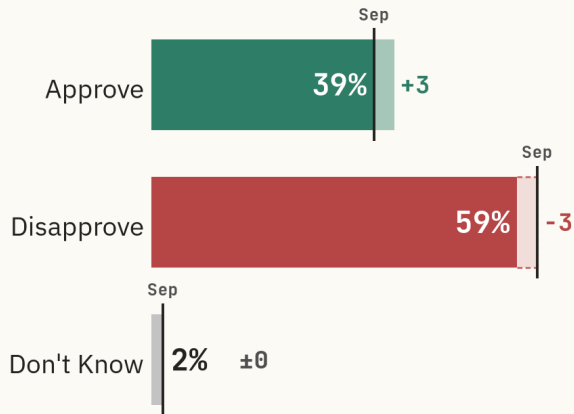
Early vote: 2% of likely voters say they have already voted (6 respondents), almost all by mail. Early voters back Cuevas 81% to 0% over Day; voters who have not yet cast a ballot split 50% to 46%. Early votes are counted in the toplines, using the choice each early voter reported.

Executive approvals

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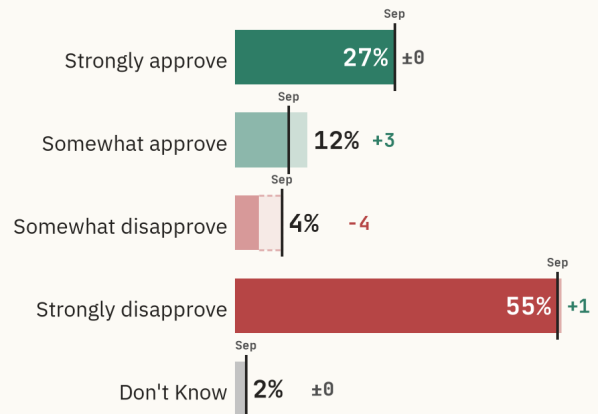
President Trump job approval

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



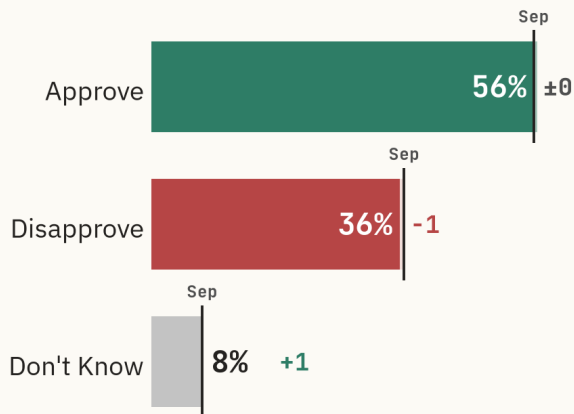
President Trump job approval (detailed)

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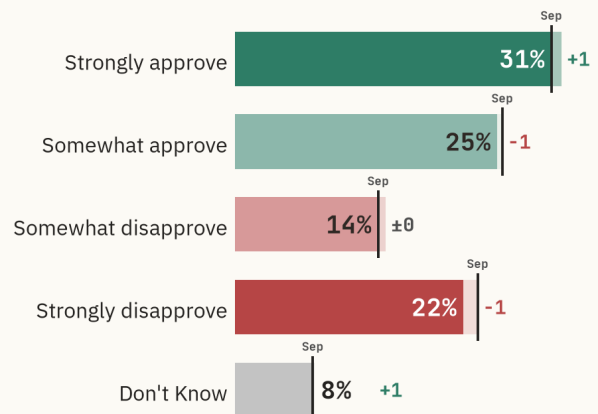
Gov. Shapiro job approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Josh Shapiro is doing as Governor?



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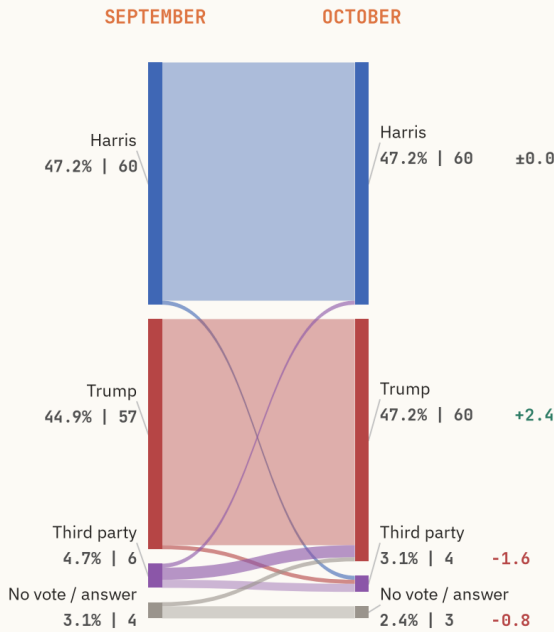


President Trump is underwater in HD-187 (39% approve / 59% disapprove), while **Gov. Shapiro sits at 56% approve / 36% disapprove**. The detailed breakdowns show how much of each number is strongly held versus soft.

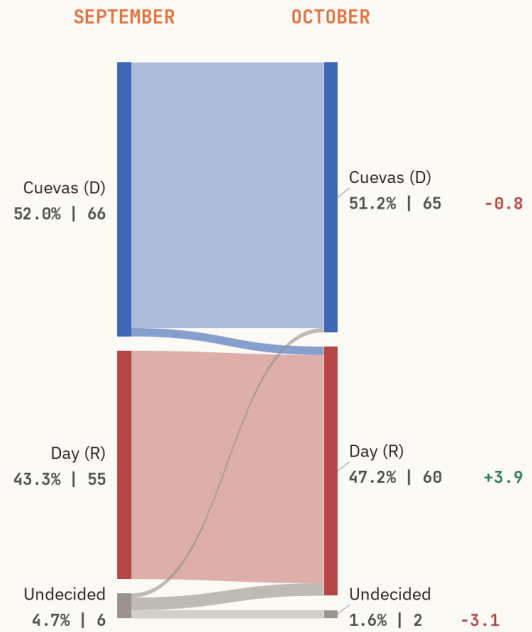
Same voters, two waves

Each chart follows the **127 respondents who took both our 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).

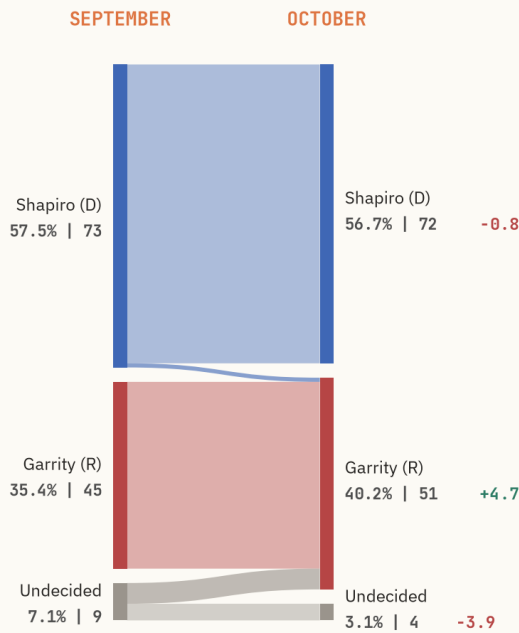
2024 presidential recall



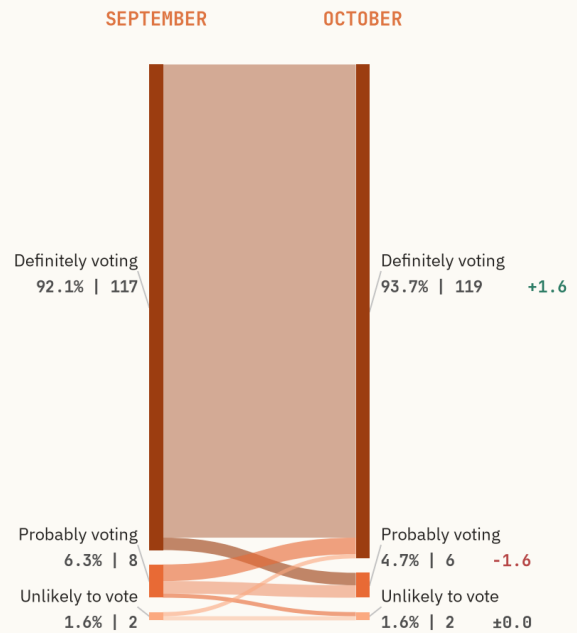
HD-187 vote (with leaners)



Governor vote (with leaners)



Vote likelihood



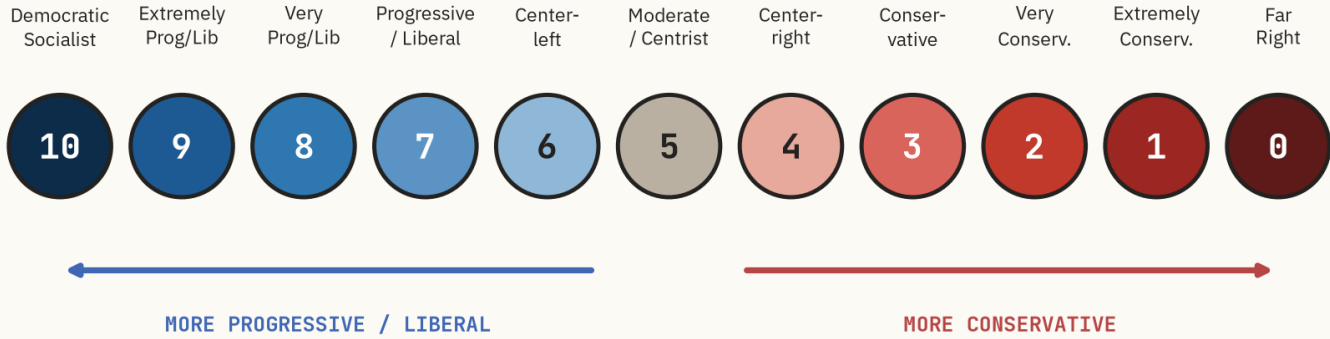
93.7% gave the same 2024 recall both times, **95.3%** made the same HD-187 choice and **95.3%** the same Governor choice. Among these voters, 0 moved from Day to Cuevas and 2 moved the other way; 1 September undecideds now back Cuevas and 3 back Day.

Survey ideology

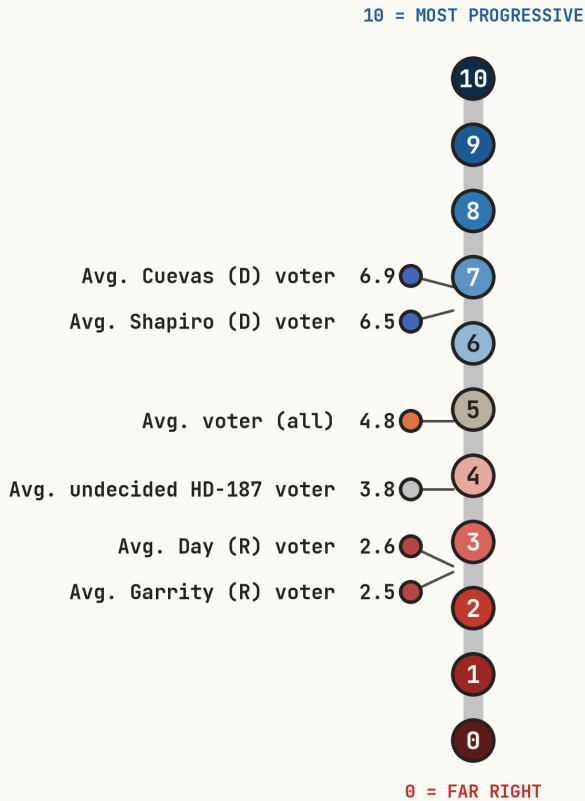
The self-placement scale

IDEOLOGICAL SELF-PLACEMENT SCALE

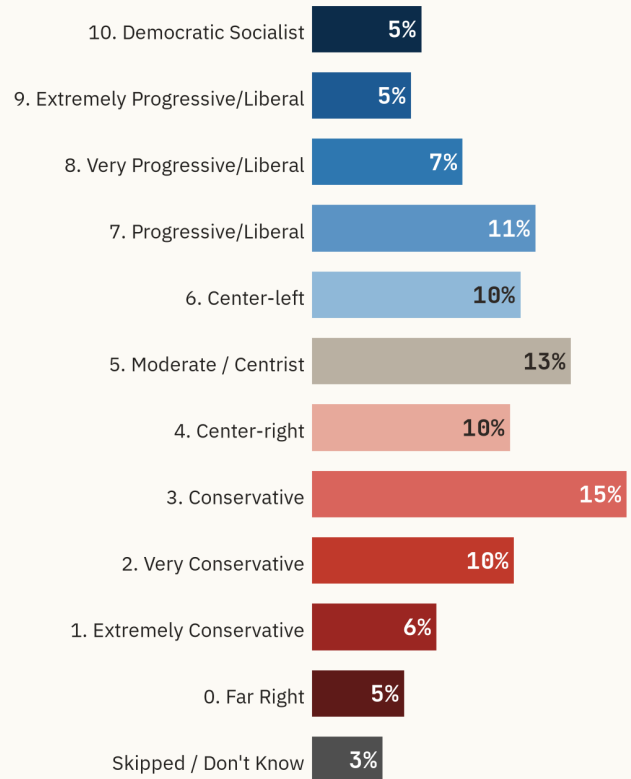
Place yourself — and each candidate — somewhere on the 0–10 scale.



AVERAGE BY VOTER GROUP



DETAILED SELF-PLACEMENT (ALL RESPONDENTS)

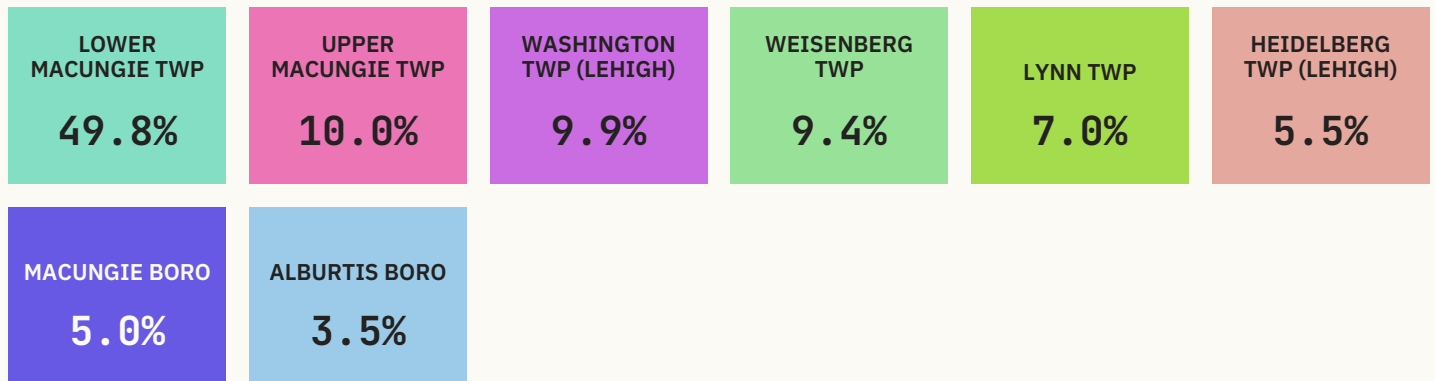


Ideology is respondents' self-placement on a 0-10 scale (10 = most progressive, 0 = far right). Detailed shares are of all respondents; 3.5% skipped the question. Group averages are weighted and computed among those who placed themselves (overall mean 4.8).

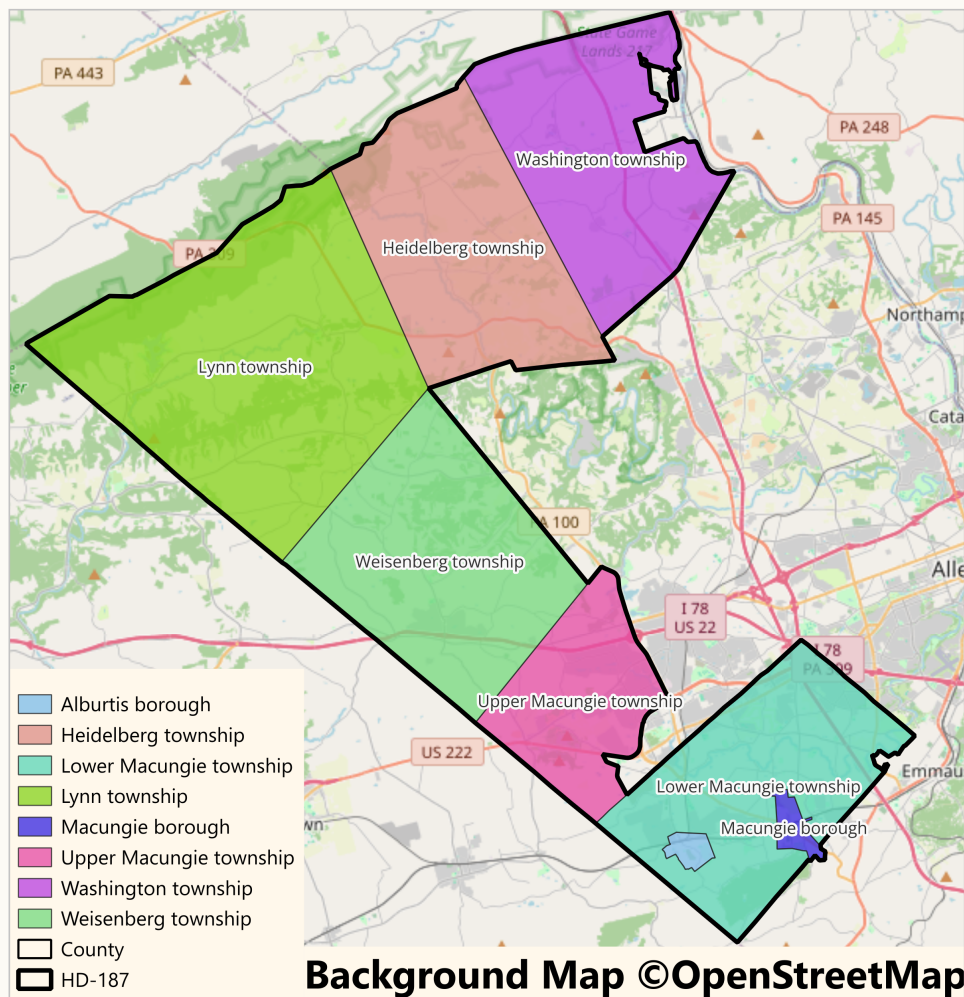
Appendix | Regions & weights

State House of Representatives District 187 was weighted by region. Cards show each region's share of the weighted likely-voter sample.

Region weights | Share of weighted sample



HD-187 by region





Team notes & analysis

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

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON TICKET SPLITTING

Cuevas is consolidating the Shapiro vote

In September, HD-187 had the largest undecided pool of the three House districts we polled inside SD-16, at 9% of likely voters, and Rachel Cuevas led Gary Day by 3 points, 47% to 44%. That pool has shrunk to 4%, and Cuevas now leads 50% to 45%. Most of the movement came from Josh Shapiro voters settling on her: Cuevas now wins 89% of them, up from 83% in September, while Day's share has slipped from 10% to 8%. Day is still running ahead of Stacy Garrity, but by less: he ran 8 points ahead of her in September (44% to 36%) and runs 5 points ahead now (45% to 40%). Shapiro leads the district 57% to 40%, and the closer Cuevas gets to his share, the harder it is for Day to win.

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