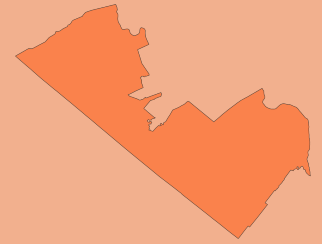




Pennsylvania



2026 general election poll: PA-SD-16 (October follow-up)

Likely-voter survey of the November 3, 2026 general election | Upper Bucks & West Lehigh Counties

SD-16 **D** Mark Pinsley **R** Jarrett Coleman

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	1,855 likely voters	±2.3 points

Methodology

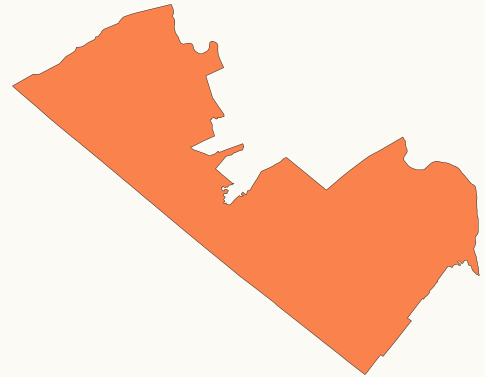
State Navigate surveyed **1,855** likely voters (2,120 respondents) in Pennsylvania's 16th State Senate District from **October 10-14, 2026**, including voters who had already cast a ballot. This is a follow-up to our September 18-20, 2026 poll: 453 respondents took both surveys, matched by ID. Text 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 **2.3%** 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 | SD-16 (LV)



STATE SENATE DISTRICT 16

A State Senate district covering Upper Bucks and western Lehigh Counties. Republican incumbent Jarrett Coleman is running for re-election against Democrat Mark Pinsley, in a rematch of their 2022 race.



Recent election results in SD-16

2024 President: Trump +8.9



2022 Governor: Shapiro +7.0



2022 U.S. Senate: Oz +2.9

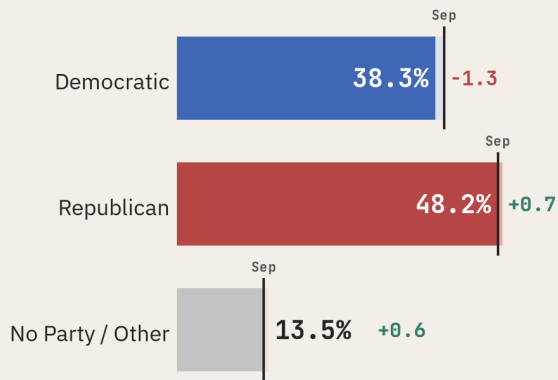


2022 State Senate: Coleman +8.4

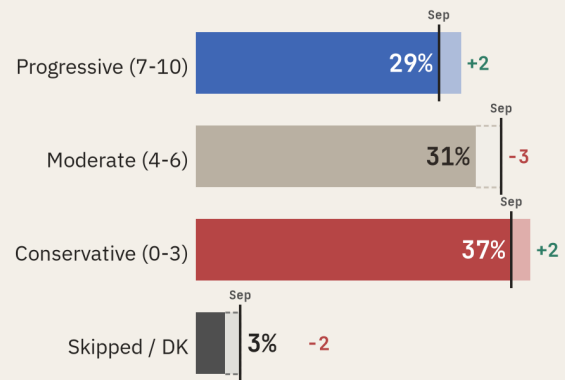


District DNA | Survey demographics

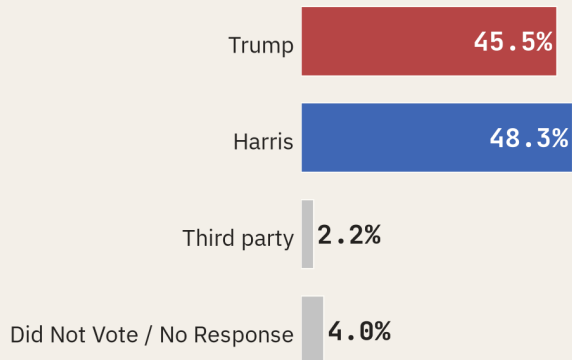
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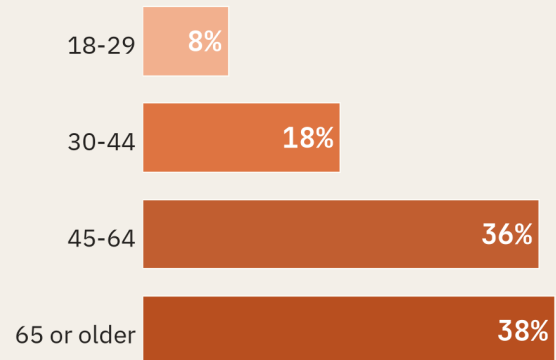
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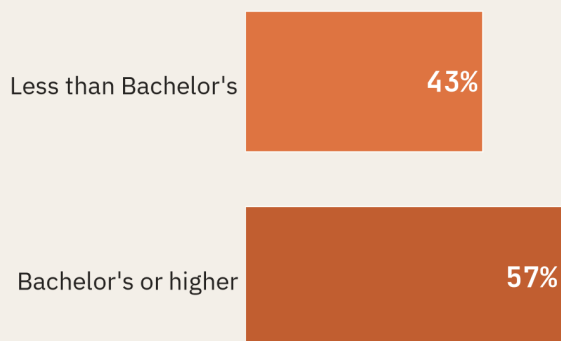
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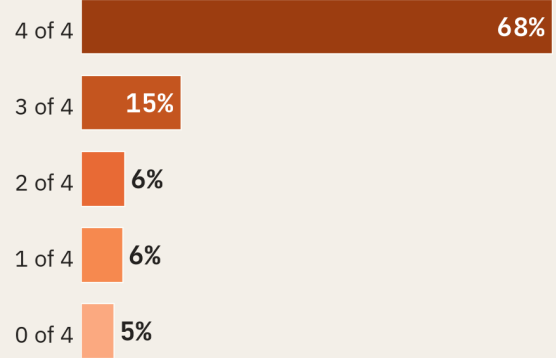
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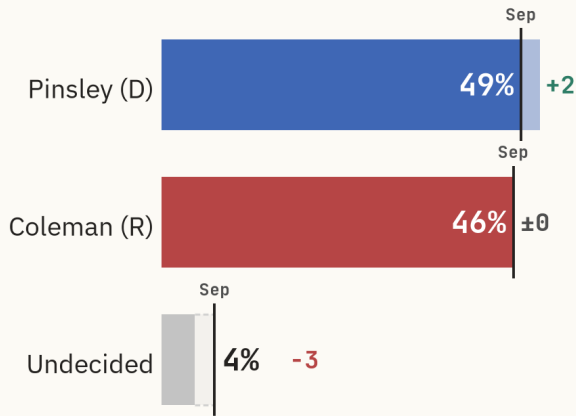


The snapshots

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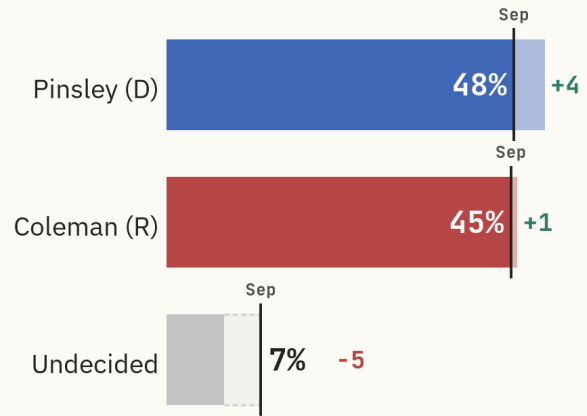
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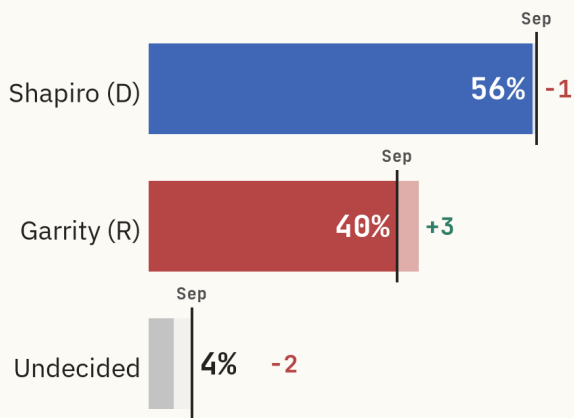
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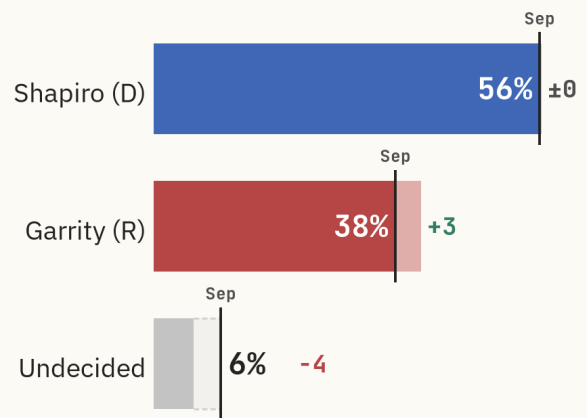
Governor with leaners

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.



Mark Pinsley (D) leads 49-46 with leaners in the SD-16 race, with 4% undecided. At the top of the ticket, Josh Shapiro (D) leads the Governor's race 56-40.

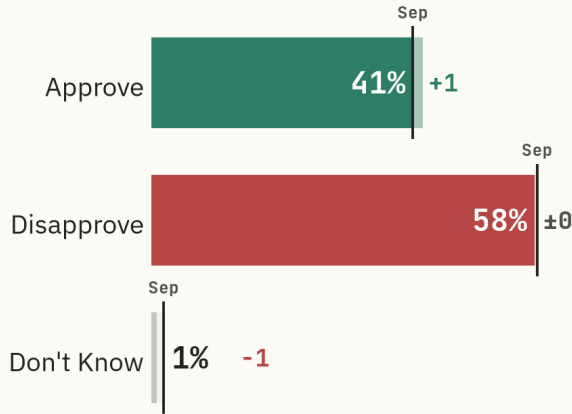
Early vote: 6% of likely voters say they have already voted (124 respondents), almost all by mail. Early voters back Pinsley 69% to 25% over Coleman; voters who have not yet cast a ballot split 48% to 48%. Early votes are counted in the toplines, using the choice each early voter reported.

Executive approvals

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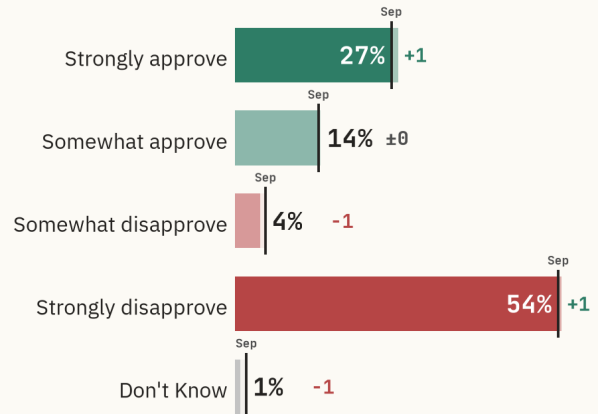
President Trump job approval

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



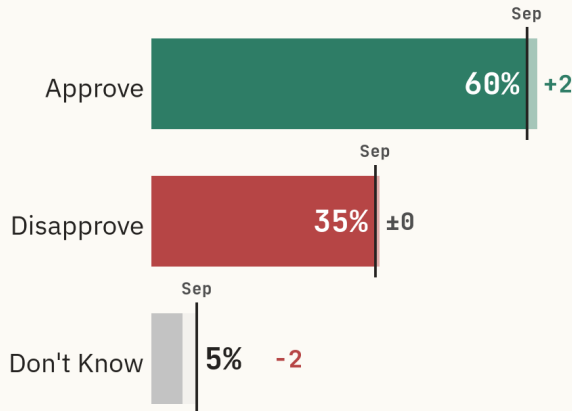
President Trump job approval (detailed)

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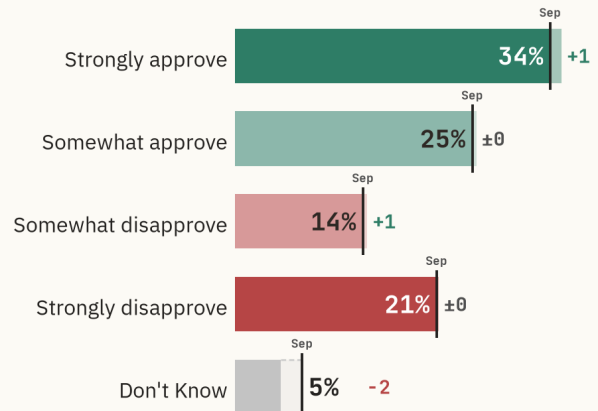
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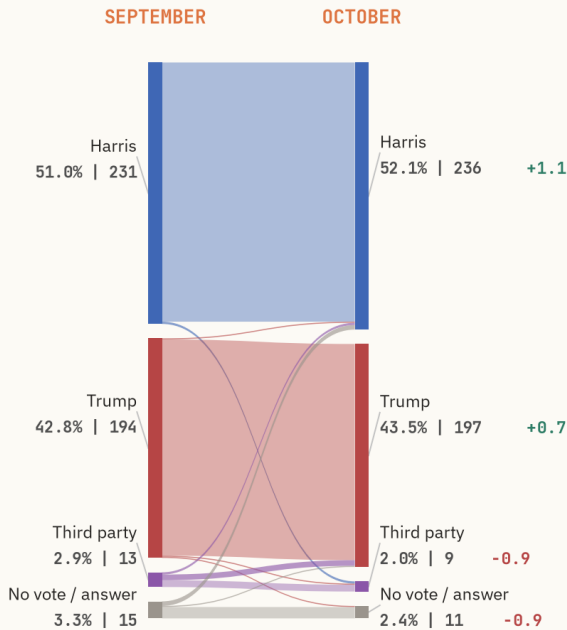


President Trump is underwater in SD-16 (41% approve / 58% disapprove), while **Gov. Shapiro sits at 60% approve / 35% disapprove**. The detailed breakdowns show how much of each number is strongly held versus soft.

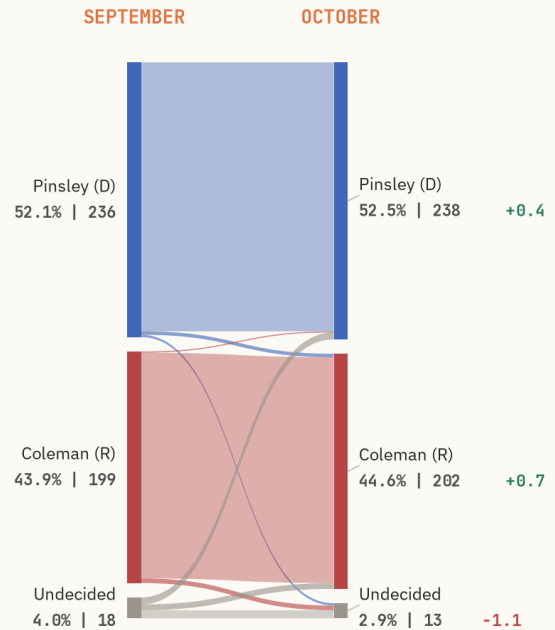
Same voters, two waves

Each chart follows the **453 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).

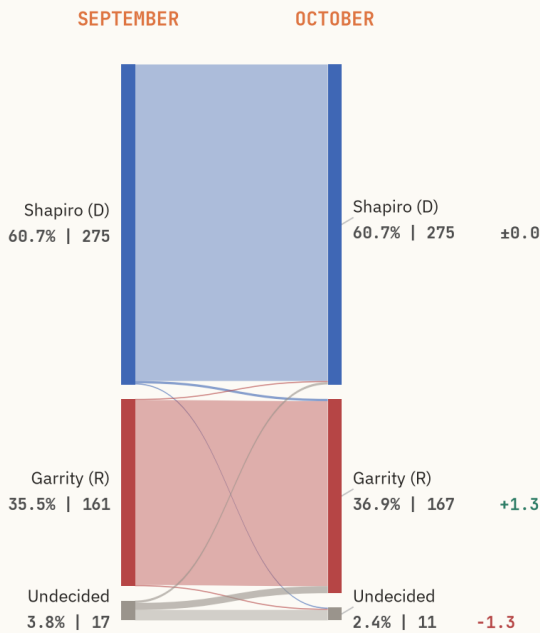
2024 presidential recall



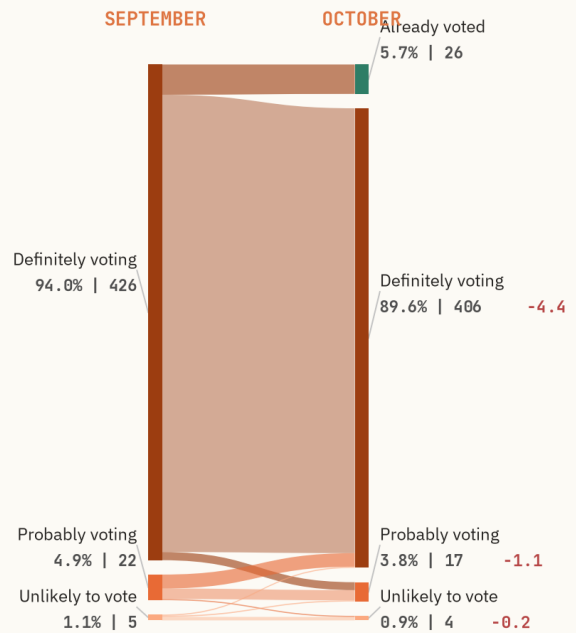
SD-16 vote (with leaners)



Governor vote (with leaners)



Vote likelihood



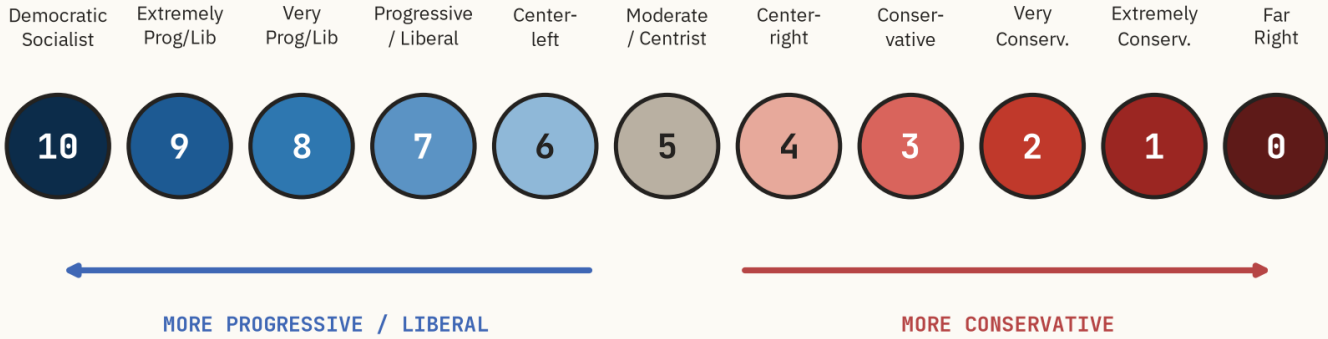
96.0% gave the same 2024 recall both times, **95.4%** made the same SD-16 choice and **97.1%** the same Governor choice. Among these voters, 1 moved from Coleman to Pinsley and 3 moved the other way; 6 September undecideds now back Pinsley and 5 back Coleman.

Survey ideology

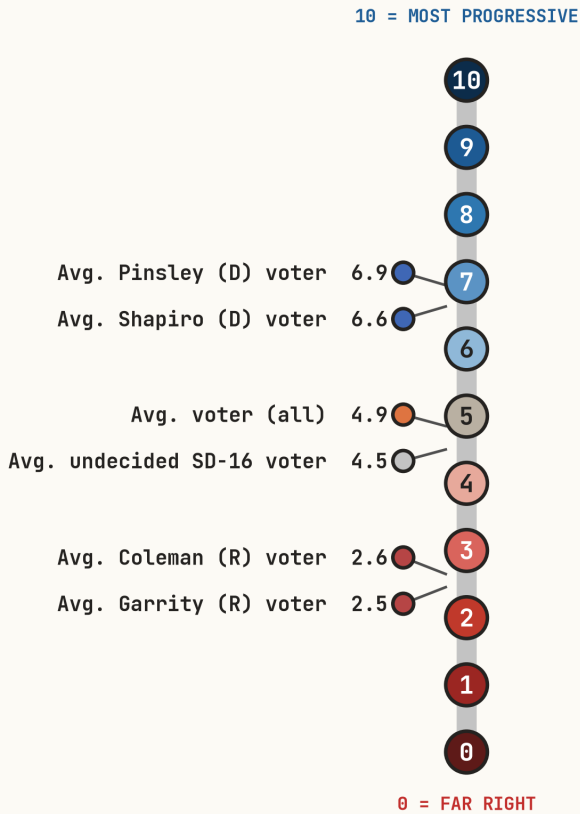
The self-placement scale

IDEOLOGICAL SELF-PLACEMENT SCALE

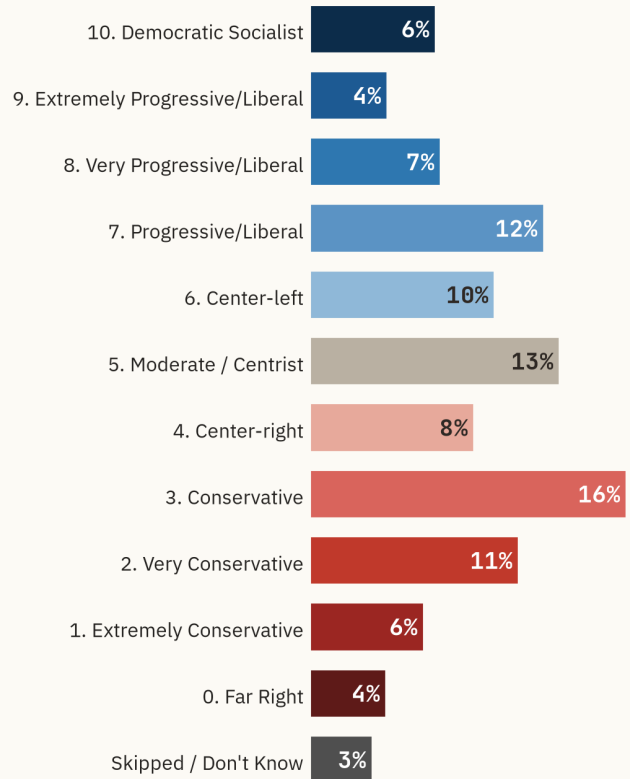
Place yourself — and each candidate — somewhere on the 0–10 scale.



AVERAGE BY VOTER GROUP



DETAILED SELF-PLACEMENT (ALL RESPONDENTS)

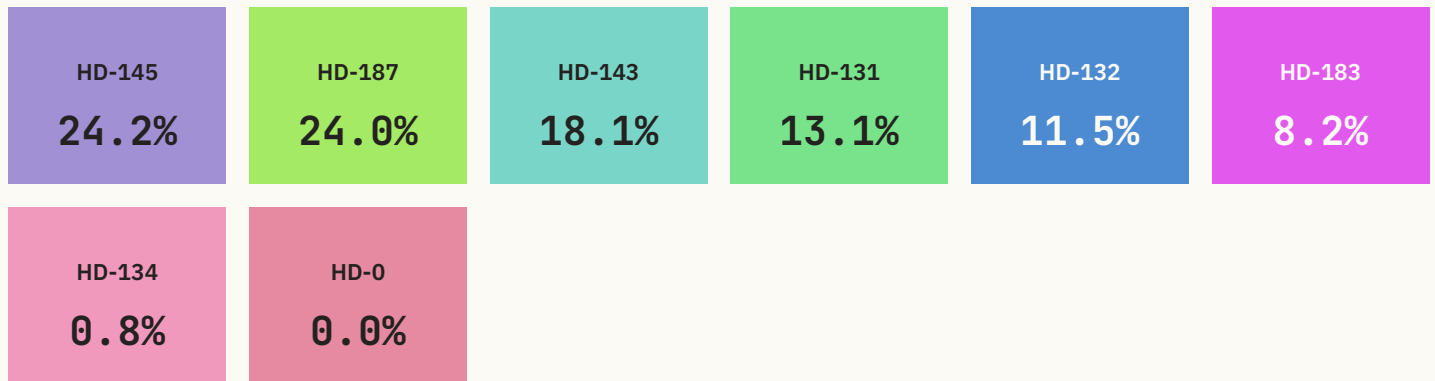


Ideology is respondents' self-placement on a 0-10 scale (10 = most progressive, 0 = far right). Detailed shares are of all respondents; 3.2% skipped the question. Group averages are weighted and computed among those who placed themselves (overall mean 4.9).

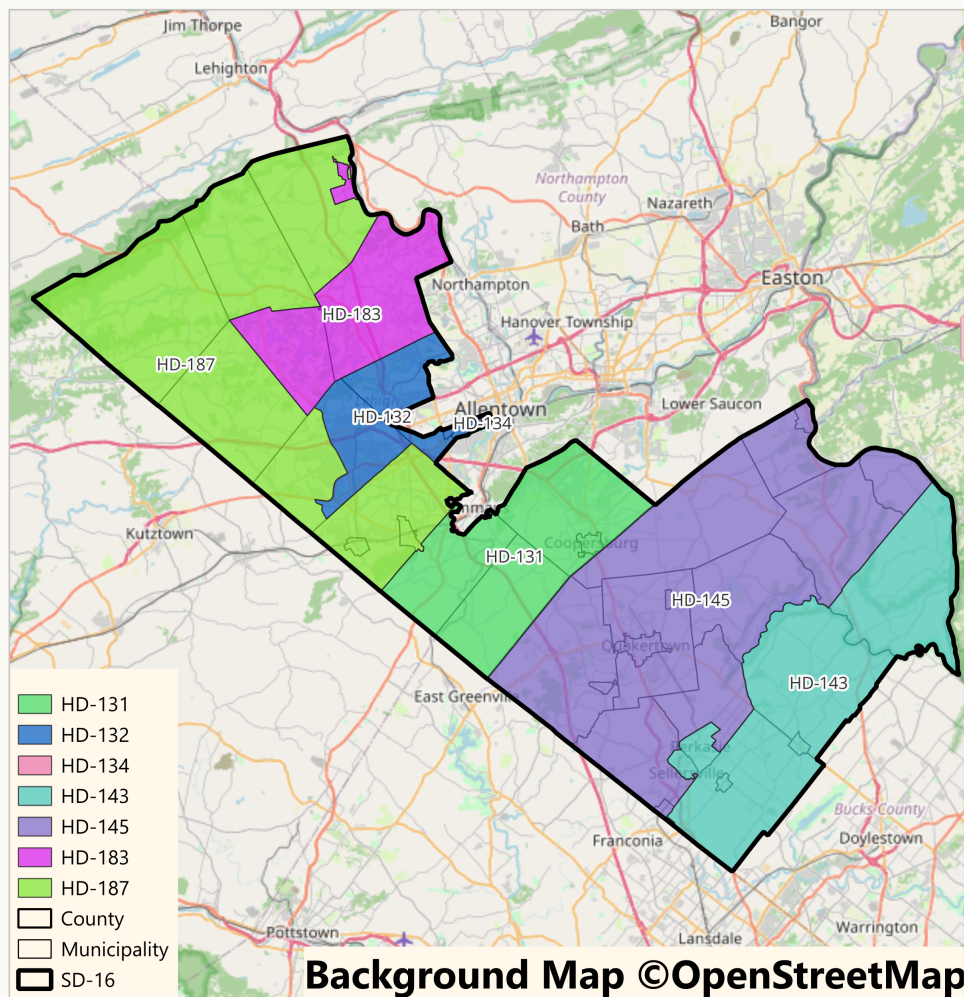
Appendix | Regions & weights

State Senate District 16 was weighted by region. Cards show each region's share of the weighted likely-voter sample.

Region weights | Share of weighted sample



SD-16 by region



Team notes & analysis

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

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON WHO DIDN'T COME BACK

The voters who didn't return leaned more toward Trump, but Coleman's share barely moves

About 770 of the voters who took our September poll didn't take this one, so we ran the same test we ran in SD-6 and SD-36: we took their September answers and weighted them the same way we weighted our October poll, including our likely-voter model. By party, they look a lot like our September sample as a whole: with leaners, they identify as Republicans by 2.3 points, compared to 2.6 for the full September sample. But they're warmer to President Trump. They recall voting for him by 2 points, while the full September sample recalled voting for Kamala Harris by 2, and his net approval with this group is -15, 4 points better than the -19 he had in September. They were also less committed to voting: before the likely-voter adjustment, 83% said they were definitely voting in September, compared to 87% of the full September sample.

SD-16: the voters who didn't come back

September respondents who skipped our October poll, with their September answers weighted to October's targets. Likely-voter weighted.

	Didn't return (September answers, Oct. weights)	Full September sample	October poll
WHO THEY ARE			
Leaned party ID	R+2.3	R+2.6	R+1.6
2024 presidential recall	Trump +2.3	Harris +1.7	Harris +2.8
Trump net approval	-15	-19	-17
Already/definitely voting*	83%	87%	93%
SD-16 BALLOT			
Mark Pinsley (D)	44%	47%	49%
Jarrett Coleman (R)	47%	46%	46%
Undecided	9%	7%	4%
AMONG SD-16 UNDECIDEDS			
Shapiro (D) for governor	52%	57%	50%
Garrity (R) for governor	5%	5%	11%
Disapprove of Trump	59%	65%	65%
Approve of Trump	21%	18%	30%

*Not likely-voter weighted. State Navigate | September and October 2026 surveys

Even so, Jarrett Coleman is at 47% with them, a point above the 46% he had in our September poll and has now in October. What they lack is Pinsley support: Mark Pinsley is at 44% with this group, compared to 47% in September and 49% now, with 9% undecided. Their undecideds also lean a little less toward the Democratic ticket than the undecideds in our full September sample: they back Josh Shapiro 52% to 5% over Stacy Garrity, compared to 57% to 5%, and 59% disapprove of President Trump while 21% approve, compared to 65% and 18%. Losing these voters explains some of Pinsley's gain since September and some of our bluer October recall, but Coleman sits at 46% or 47% no matter who we count.

Team notes & analysis

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON RECALL

Liar Liar, Pants on Fire: SD-16 edition

Our 2024 presidential recall in SD-16 is 1.1 points bluer than it was in September: likely voters now recall backing Kamala Harris by 2.8 points, up from 1.7, in a district Donald Trump actually carried by 8.9. About 450 voters took both of our surveys, so we can check how much of that shift comes from people changing their story. If every one of them had given us the same answer they gave in September, our October recall would be Harris +2.4, so voters changing their answers account for 0.4 points, or about a third of the shift, a bigger share than in SD-6 or SD-36. Just 18 of the 453 changed their answer, about 1% of the likely electorate, and only one moved directly from Trump to Harris. Most came in from the edges: four who said they didn't vote in 2024 now say they voted for Harris, while five who said they backed a third-party candidate now say Trump. As a group, they recalled voting for Trump by 2 points in September and for Harris by 28 points in October. They don't look like typical Harris voters: 16 of the 18 are men, 10 are registered Republicans, and 14 have voted in all of the last four general elections, including three of the six who told us in September that they didn't vote in 2024. What they share is a dislike of the President. Fourteen of the 18 disapprove of Trump and 14 back Josh Shapiro, yet they're split in the State Senate race, 9 for Mark Pinsley and 7 for Jarrett Coleman, with two undecided. These look like voters who are souring on Trump and rewriting their own history to match, which is a reminder that recall is a noisy measure in a year like this one.

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON TICKET SPLITTING

Pinsley is consolidating Shapiro voters

Mark Pinsley has turned a 1-point race into a 3-point lead since September, 49% to 46%, even though Josh Shapiro's own lead in SD-16 has narrowed from 20 points (57% to 37%) to 16 (56% to 40%). The gains are down-ballot. Pinsley now wins 86% of Shapiro voters, up from 82% in September, while Jarrett Coleman's share of them has slipped from 12% to 10%. Coleman still runs well ahead of the top of his ticket, but the gap is closing: he ran 9 points ahead of Stacy Garrity in September (46% to 37%) and runs 6 points ahead of her now (46% to 40%). The biggest swing is among voters registered with neither major party, who backed Pinsley by 19 points in September (53% to 34%) and now back him by 40 (66% to 26%). That group is only about 14% of the likely electorate, but it's where Pinsley has opened up the race.

Team notes & analysis

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON ENTHUSIASM

Young Republicans are still the least likely to show up

In September, Republicans under 45 were the least committed voters in SD-16: 77% of registered Republicans in that age group said they would definitely vote, compared to 93% of registered Democrats. A month later, the gap has narrowed but hasn't closed. Among voters under 45, 96% of registered Democrats have already voted or say they will definitely vote, compared to 87% of registered Republicans, a 9-point gap. By leaned party ID, it's 97% to 85%.

SD-16: vote enthusiasm by party, under 45 vs. 45 and older

Likely-voter weighted. Share who have already voted or say they will "definitely" vote in November.

	Dem already/definitely	Rep already/definitely	Gap (D-R)
UNDER 45			
Party registration n = 152 D / 107 R	96%	87%	+9
Leaned party ID n = 186 D / 111 R	97%	85%	+12
45 AND OLDER			
Party registration n = 560 D / 965 R	98%	97%	+1
Leaned party ID n = 714 D / 971 R	98%	97%	+1

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Among voters 45 and older, the gap is just 1 point (98% to 97% by either measure). Younger Republicans are a small slice of the likely electorate, but they're the group most likely to stay home, and that gives Mark Pinsley a built-in turnout edge.

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