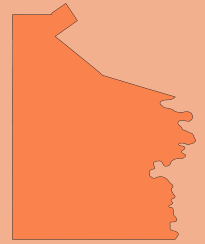




Pennsylvania



2026 general election poll: State Senate District 46

Likely-voter survey of the November 3, 2026 general election | Washington, Greene & Beaver Counties

SD-46 **R** Camera Bartolotta **I** Jodi Borello

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

At a glance

ELECTION DATE	FIELD DATES	SAMPLE SIZE	MARGIN OF ERROR
November 3, 2026	October 3-5, 2026	1,201 likely voters	±2.8 points

Methodology

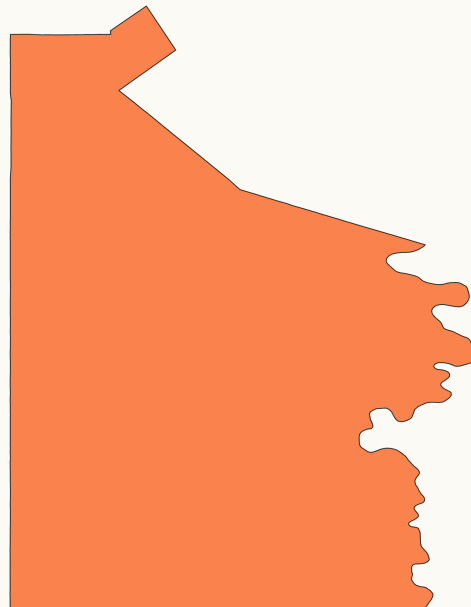
State Navigate surveyed 1,201 likely voters in Pennsylvania's 46th State Senate District from October 3-5, 2026. Text messages were sent to voters by AllianceForge, which directed them to an online survey hosted on the SurveyMonkey platform. The sample was drawn from a voter file provided by L2 and results were weighted by gender, race, age, education, party registration, and region to reflect the likely November 2026 general electorate. The margin of error is 2.8% 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-46 (LV)



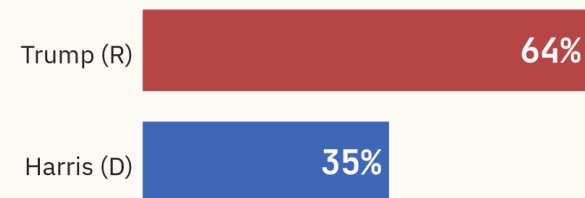
STATE SENATE DISTRICT 46

A Pennsylvania State Senate district in the southwestern corner of the state, covering all of Greene and Washington Counties, along with part of Beaver County. Republican incumbent Camera Bartolotta faces independent candidate Jodi Borello.



Recent election results in SD-46

2024 President: Trump +28.4



2026 GOP Primary: Bartolotta +6.8



2022 Governor: Mastriano +4.9

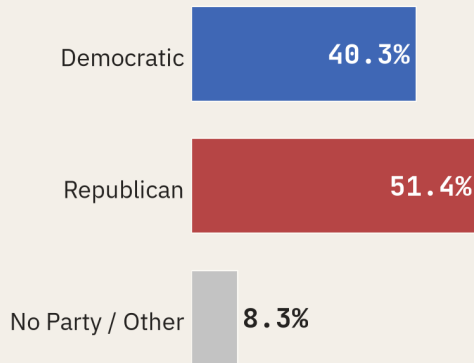


2022 U.S. Senate: Oz +16.1

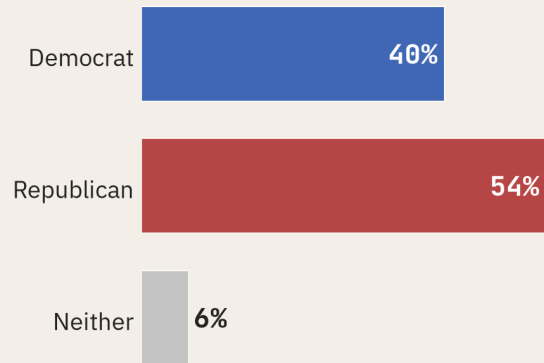


District DNA | Survey demographics

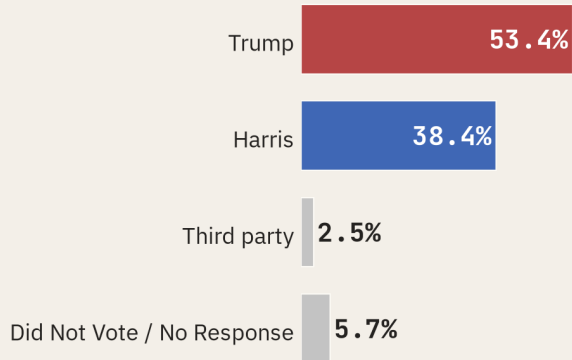
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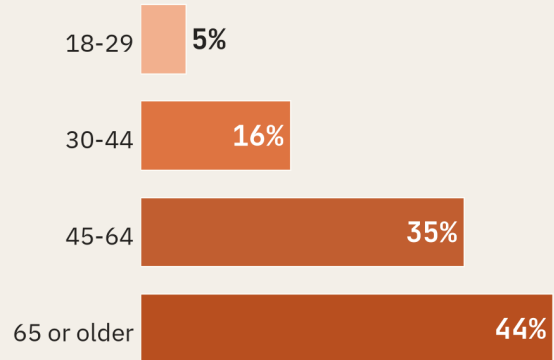
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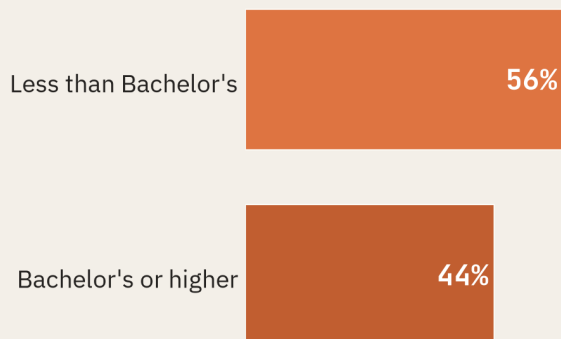
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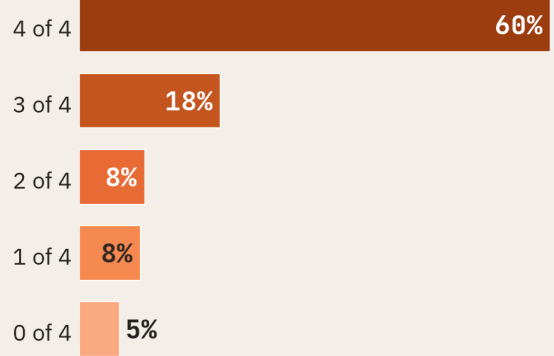
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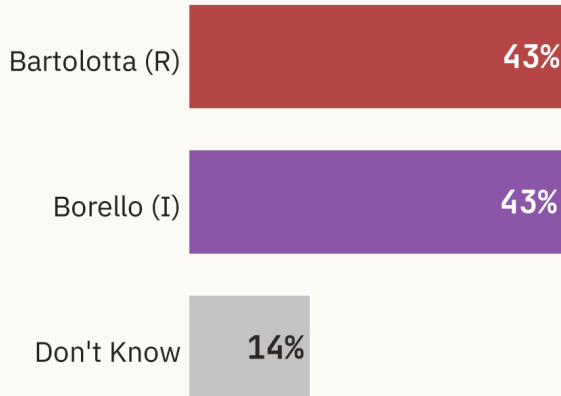
VOTE HISTORY (LAST 4 GENERALS)



The snapshots

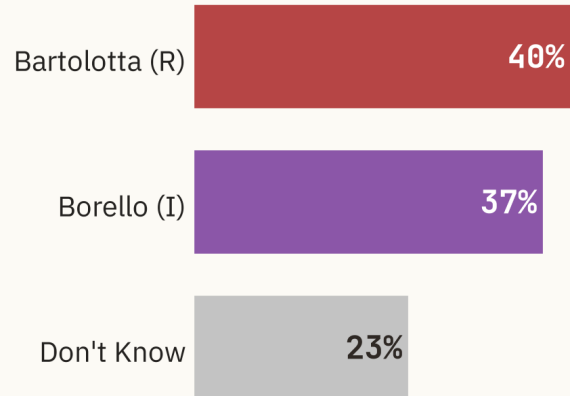
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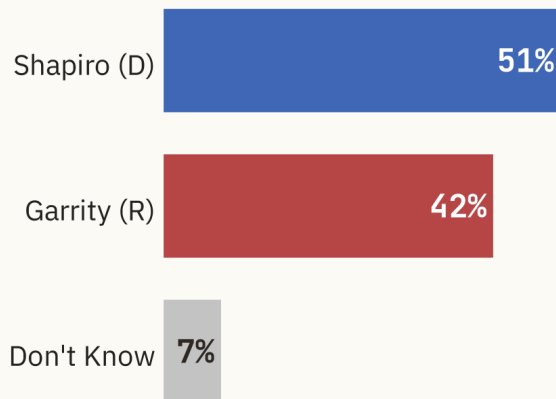
SD-46 before undecided push

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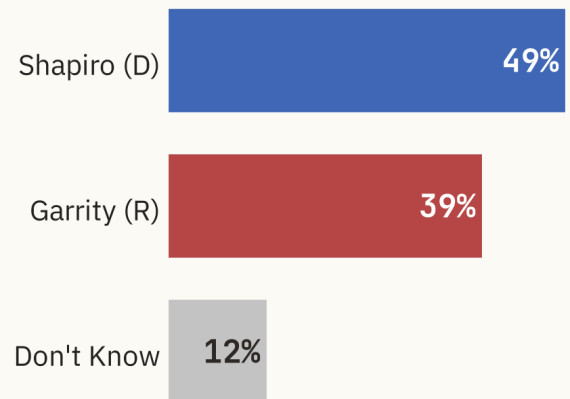
Governor with leaners

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



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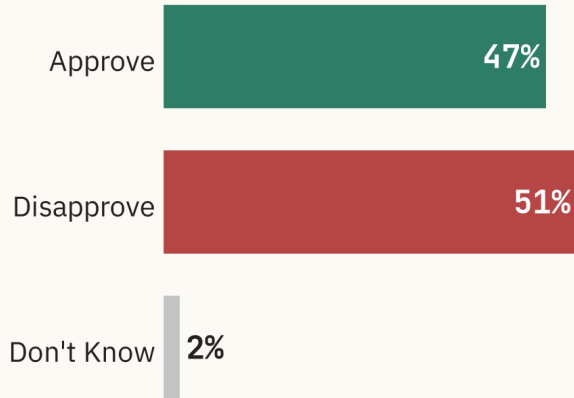


Camera Bartolotta (R) and Jodi Borello (I) are tied at 43% with leaners in SD-46, with 14% undecided. At the top of the ticket, Josh Shapiro (D) leads the Governor's race 51-42.

Executive approvals

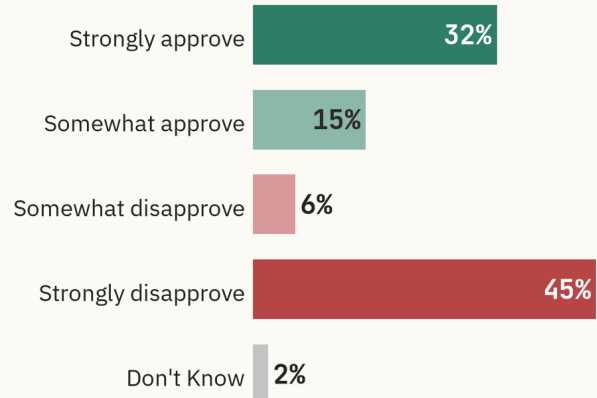
President Trump job approval

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



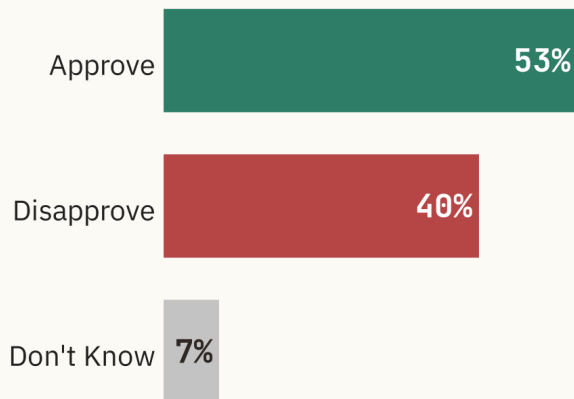
President Trump job approval (detailed)

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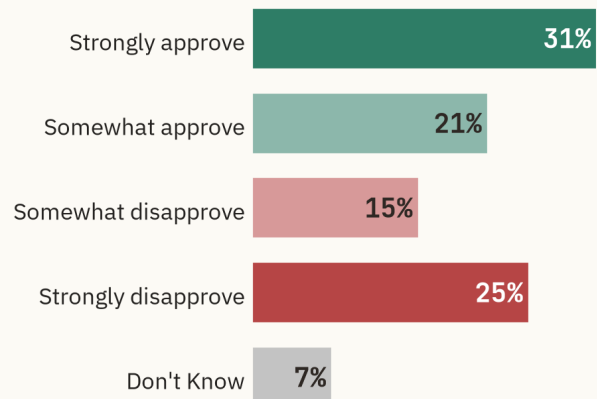
Gov. Shapiro job approval

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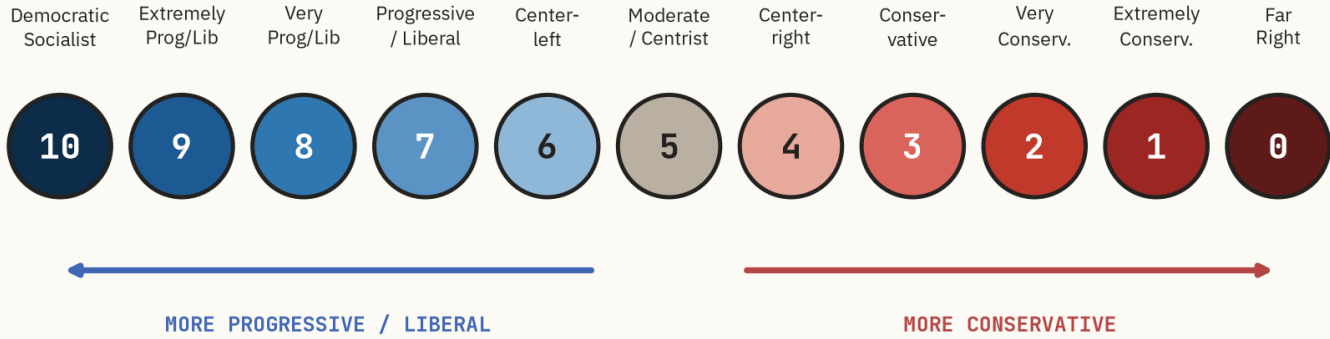
President Trump is underwater in SD-46 (47% approve / 51% disapprove), while Gov. Shapiro sits at 53% approve / 40% disapprove. The detailed breakdowns show how much of each number is strongly held versus soft.

Survey ideology

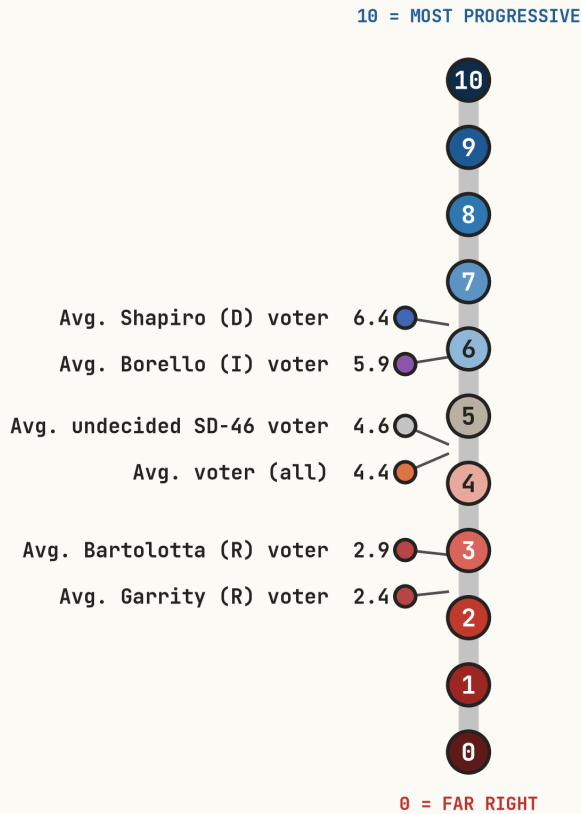
The self-placement scale

IDEOLOGICAL SELF-PLACEMENT SCALE

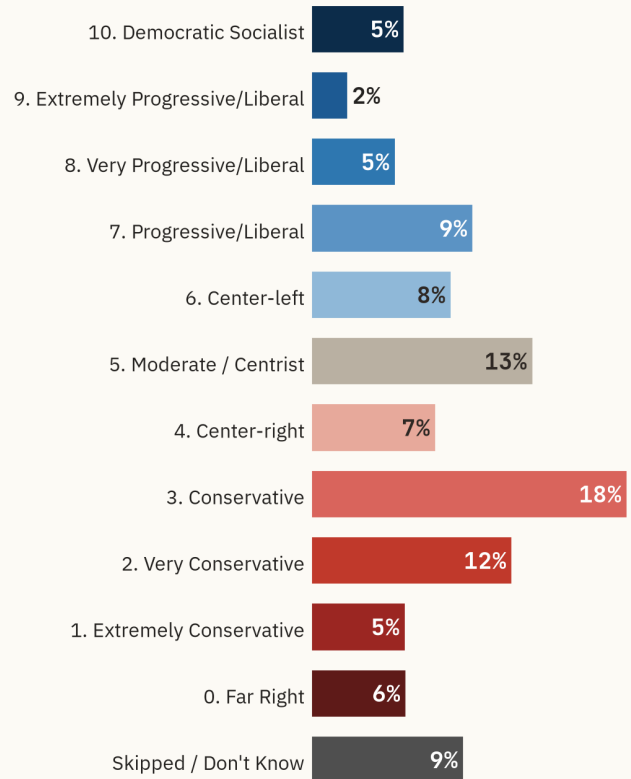
Place yourself — and each candidate — somewhere on the 0–10 scale.



AVERAGE BY VOTER GROUP



DETAILED SELF-PLACEMENT (ALL RESPONDENTS)

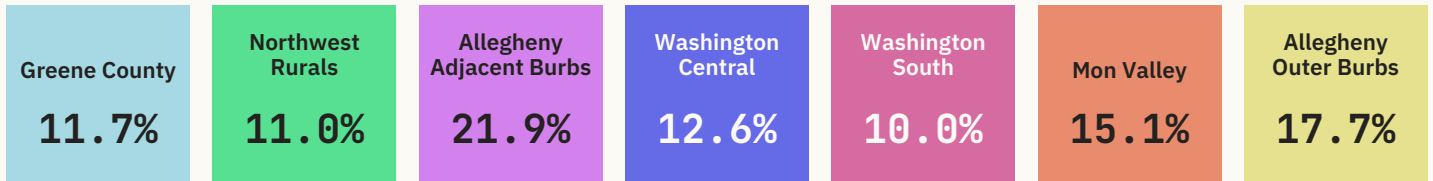


Ideology is respondents' self-placement on a 0-10 scale (10 = most progressive, 0 = far right). Detailed shares are of all respondents; 8.9% skipped the question. Group averages are weighted and computed among those who placed themselves (overall mean 4.4).

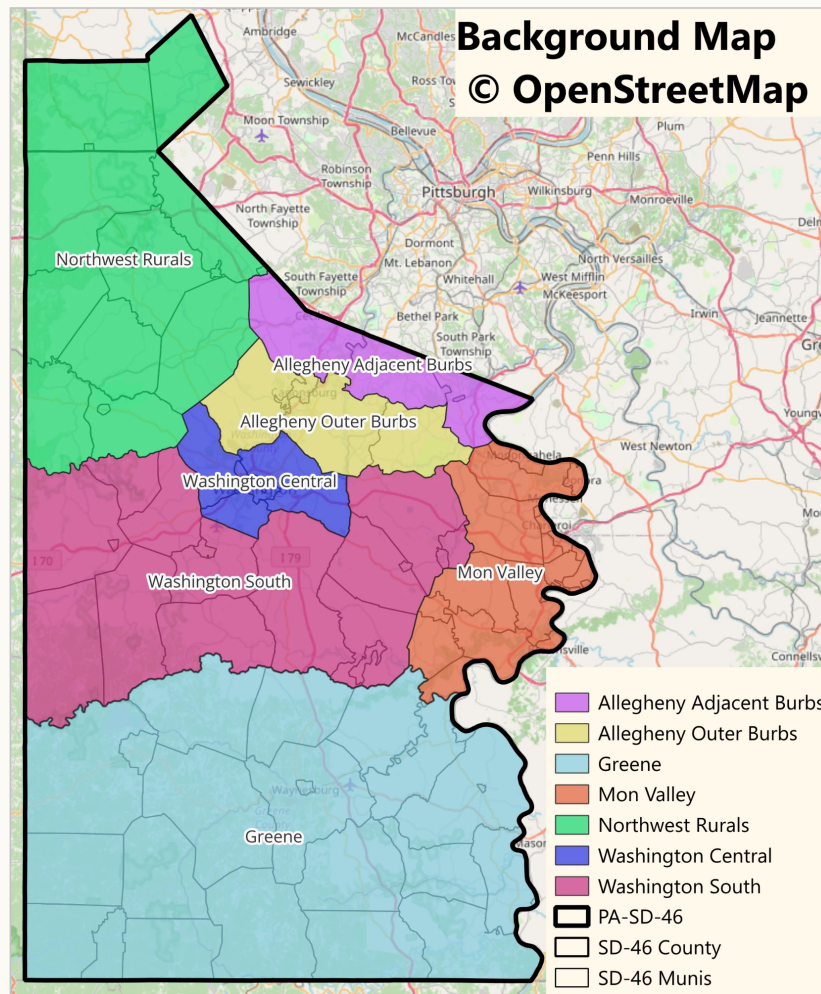
Appendix | Regions & weights

State Senate District 46 was weighted by region. Cards show each region's share of the weighted likely-voter sample.

Region weights | Share of weighted sample



SD-46 by region



Team notes & analysis

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

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON PARTY LOYALTY

Borello is winning over Republicans, but Bartolotta is holding onto some Democrats.

Jodi Borello's biggest asset is her crossover appeal: she wins 18% of voters who identify as Republicans, while Camera Bartolotta holds just 72% of her own party, with 10% undecided. Borello is even pulling from the far end of the spectrum: 32% of voters who place themselves at Far Right on the ideological scale back her, compared to 58% for Bartolotta, a better showing for the independent than among any other conservative group. For an incumbent in a district Donald Trump carried by 28 points, that's a weak hold on her base, and it comes after a rough year inside her own party. In January, the Washington County Republican Committee's executive committee passed a vote of no confidence in Bartolotta, 21 to 3, before the state party declared the vote void. In May, she faced the first primary challenge of her Senate career and beat Greene County contractor Al Buchtan, who ran as a MAGA-aligned outsider against the party establishment, just 53.4% to 46.6% after an expensive and bitter race. Buchtan carried Greene County in the primary, and Bartolotta hasn't pulled ahead there: she and Borello are tied at about 41%, with 17% undecided. The crossover also runs both ways, as Bartolotta wins 11% of Democrats. That's a familiar pattern when a major-party candidate faces an independent with no candidate from the other party on the ballot: some voters default to the only major-party name they see, either because they don't know much about the third-party candidate or because they assume an independent can't win. With no Democrat in the race after Evan Snyder withdrew, those Democrats are Borello's most natural pickups if she can convince them she's viable. Voters who identify as independents or with another party favor Borello 53% to 26%.

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON UNDECIDED VOTERS

The undecideds look very favorable to Borello.

Bartolotta and Borello are tied with leaners (43% to 43%), but the undecideds lean Borello's way. About 14% of likely voters remain undecided, and they are more Democratic and independent than the district as a whole: 40% identify as Democrats, compared to 35% of all likely voters, 24% identify as independents or with another party, compared to 17%, and just 36% identify as Republicans, compared to 49%. They also like Josh Shapiro: undecided voters back the Governor 51% to 21% over Stacy Garrity, a much wider margin than his 51% to 42% lead districtwide. If undecided voters break the same way as decided voters who share their party identification, Borello would win roughly 51% to 49%. That makes this race a true toss-up, with a slight edge to Borello.

Team notes & analysis

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON VOTER ENTHUSIASM

Bartolotta's support is firmer, but both camps are equally motivated.

Bartolotta's supporters are more locked in: 59% say they will definitely vote for her, compared to 48% of Borello's supporters who say the same about her. A meaningful share of Borello's support is also soft, as 13% of her voters only picked her after first saying they were undecided, compared to 7% of Bartolotta's. Turnout intentions are a wash, though: 92% of Borello's voters and 91% of Bartolotta's say they are definitely voting in November, compared to 79% of undecided voters. Borello's coalition looks like a newer one that is still getting to know its candidate, while Bartolotta's is steadier. Borello's task in the closing weeks is turning soft support into firm support and convincing Democrats supporting Bartolotta to get behind her instead; Bartolotta's is winning back the Republicans who have drifted away from her by informing them that Borello would caucus with the Democrats in the State Senate.

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON GEOGRAPHY

Rural voters are swinging toward Shapiro, and it doesn't look like a polling problem.

Compared to Josh Shapiro's 2022 race against Doug Mastriano, the biggest swing toward Democrats in our poll comes from the district's rural areas: Greene County, Washington South, and the Northwest Rurals together move about 16 points toward Shapiro, from a 19-point Mastriano win to a 4-point Garrity lead. The Allegheny suburbs move about 14 points, and Washington Central and the Mon Valley about 10. A rural swing that size can be a sign that a poll is missing rural Republicans, but our data don't point that way. Rural respondents make up 32% of our raw sample, almost exactly their 33% share of the electorate, so they needed almost no weighting. While our sample has a bluer 2024 presidential recall topline compared to the actual results, the gap is similar across the district: about 15 points in the rural areas, 14 in the Allegheny suburbs, and 11 in Washington Central and the Mon Valley. The recall isn't swinging as hard in the suburbs because their Republican voters are more likely to have a college degree and are therefore more likely to turn out in every election, while rural areas are filled with non-college voters who are more likely to sit out a year like this one. That's what we'd expect if the 2026 electorate is simply more Democratic-leaning than the 2022 and 2024 electorates were, given the national environment, rather than one part of the district not responding.

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Our polling team

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