

**2023 ANNUAL FALL STATEWIDE VA QUESTIONNAIRE
UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON**

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NOTE: Some questions are being held for subsequent release.

The University of Mary Washington’s Fall 2023 Virginia Survey was conducted by Research America Inc. during September 5 – 11, 2023. The total sample included 1,000 Virginia residents, including 833 registered voters and 771 likely voters. Part of the sample (600) was contacted by phone (80 percent cell and 20 percent landline), and part of the sample (400) was contacted online. All interviews were in English. Statistical results are weighted to correct known demographic discrepancies, including age, gender and race/ethnicity. The margin of error on the total sample is +/- 3.0%. The margin of error on the Likely Voters portion of the sample is +/- 3.5%.

Interviewing dates: Starting Tuesday, September 5, 2023 – Monday, September 11, 2023

Interviewing language: English only

MAIN INTERVIEW

START SECTION TIMER

[ASK ALL:]

SEX.

49% Male
51% Female

[ASK ALL:]

USDIRECT. Overall, would you say that things in the U.S. are headed more in the right direction or the wrong direction?

12% Right
30% Mixed
53% Wrong
4% Don't know
Refused

[ASK ALL:]

VADIRECT. Overall, would you say that things in the Commonwealth of Virginia are headed more in the right direction or the wrong direction?

20% Right
44% Mixed
29% Wrong
7% Don't know
Refused

[ASK ALL:]

BIDEN. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

35% Approve
 52% Disapprove
 12% Unsure/Don't know
 1% Refused

[ASK ALL:]

GOV. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Glenn Youngkin is handling his job as governor?

40% Approve
 37% Disapprove
 22% Unsure/Don't know
 1% Refused

END SECTION TIMER**START SECTION TIMER**

[READ TO ALL:] On a different subject...

[ASK ALL:]

VATHOUGHT. How much thought have you given to the coming 2023 Virginia legislative elections...
 Quite a lot or only a little?

26% Quite a lot
 36% Some
 23% Little
 12% None
 2% Don't know
 Refused

[ASK ALL:]

REG. Which of these statements best describes you?

82% Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address, OR
 6% Are you PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed, OR
 7% Are you NOT registered to vote at your current address?
 4% Don't know
 1% Refused

[READ TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):] Just in general...

[ASK IF REG=1; REGISTERED VOTERS]:

OFTVOTE. How often would you say you vote...

62% Always
 31% Nearly always
 5% Part of the time, OR
 1% Seldom?
 Never vote
 Other response
 Don't know
 Refused

[READ TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):] Thinking about the elections this November...**[ASK IF REG=1; REGISTERED VOTERS]:**

PLANTO1. Do you plan to vote in the 2023 Virginia legislative elections?

90% Yes
 3% No
 7% Don't know
 Refused

[ASK PLANTO1=1; IF PLAN TO VOTE]:

PLANTO2. How certain are you that you will vote? Are you

85% Absolutely certain
 14% Fairly certain, OR
 1% Not certain?
 Don't know
 Refused

END SECTION TIMER**START SECTION TIMER****[ASK ALL:]****[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENS]**ELECT1. Thinking about the 2023 Virginia legislative elections, would you prefer to see **[RANDOMIZE (a Republican) or (a Democratic)]** majority in the Legislature next year?

37% Republican
 40% Democratic
 11% Other choice/write-in
 4% None / Would not vote
 6% Don't know

2% Refused

[ASK IF ELECT1=1-7]

ELECT3. How much of a factor will Glenn Youngkin be in deciding your vote in the Virginia legislative elections – a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor?

43% Major factor

24% Minor factor

24% Not a factor

9% Don't know

1% Refused

[ASK IF ELECT1=1-7]

ABVOTE. How much of a factor will the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling last year regarding abortion be in deciding your vote in the Virginia legislative elections – a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor?

53% Major factor

21% Minor factor

20% Not a factor

5% Don't know

1% Refused

EDVOTE. How much of a factor will Virginia public school policies be in deciding your vote in the Virginia legislative elections – a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor?

64% Major factor

21% Minor factor

9% Not a factor

6% Don't know

Refused

[ASK ALL:]

ISSUES. In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the U.S. today?

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS]

[If respondent picks more than one, ask: "Which one of those would be the MOST important problem facing the nation?"]

16% The economy and jobs

5% Health Care

10% Immigration

8% The Environment and Climate Change

6% Crime

21% Threats to Democracy

7% Gun policy

20% Inflation

- 4% Other
- 1% None
- 2% Don't know / Respondent won't pick a single option
- 1% Refused

[READ TO ALL:] Next, I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today.

[ASK ALL:]

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]

ECONUS. Would you say that, over the past 12 months, the U.S. economy has (gotten worse), stayed the same, or (gotten better)?

- 32% Much worse
- 24% Somewhat worse
- 10% Stayed the same
- 18% Somewhat better
- 12% Much better
- 4% Don't know
- Refused

[ASK ALL:]

ABLEGAL. Do you think abortion should be...? **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS - 1-4 AND 4-1]**

- 23% Legal in all cases
- 34% Legal in most cases
- 27% Illegal in most cases
- 8% Illegal in all cases
- 7% Don't know
- 2% Refused

[READ TO ALL:] Now turning to issues that are being discussed in Virginia...

[ASK ALL:]

EDUC Thinking of your local public-school district, how would you assess how well your district educates children? Using an A to F scale, where A is excellent, C is adequate and F is a failure, what grade would you give your local school district?

- 12% A
- 24% B
- 29% C
- 13% D
- 10% F
- 12% Don't know
- 1% Refused

[ASK ALL:]

EDUC3 Thinking of your local public-school district, how would you assess how well your district provides a safe environment for children? Using an A to F scale, where A is excellent, C is adequate and F is a failure, what grade would you give your local school district on providing a safe environment for children?

13% A
 28% B
 27% C
 10% D
 7% F
 13% Don't know
 1% Refused

[ASK ALL:]**[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENS]**

EDUC2. Thinking about K-12 public schools in Virginia, would you prefer to (Give the governor more power to control education) or (Give the governor less power to control education) or keep things where they are?

21% More power for the governor
 42% Less power for the governor
 19% Keep things where they are
 16% Don't know
 1% Refused

[ASK ALL:]

PVOTE20A. In the 2020 presidential election between Donald Trump and Joe Biden, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

81% Voted
 13% Did not vote (includes too young to vote)
 3% Don't remember if voted
 3% Refused

[ASK IF PVOTE20A=1; VOTED IN 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION]

PVOTE20B. Did you vote for Trump, Biden or someone else?

42% Trump
 52% Biden
 4% Someone else/Other candidate
 Don't remember which candidate

3% Refused

END SECTION TIMER

[ASK ALL:]

EDLEVEL. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

- 1% Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)
- 3% High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)
- 18% High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)
- 21% Some college, no degree (includes some community college)
- 10% Two-year associate degree from a college or university
- 20% Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)
- 5% Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree
- 20% Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree (e.g., MA, MS, PhD, MD, JD)
- 1% Don't know
- 1% Refused

[ASK ALL:]

HISP. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

- 9% Yes
- 88% No
- 2% Don't know
- 1% Refused

[ASK ALL:]

RACE. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race? **[IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC OR LATINO, PROBE: Do you consider yourself a white (Hispanic/Latino) or a black (Hispanic/Latino)? IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT SAY WHITE, BLACK OR ONE OF THE RACE CATEGORIES LISTED, RECORD AS 'OTHER']**

- 69% White
- 19% Black or African-American
- 2% Asian or Pacific Islander
- 4% Mixed race
- 2% Native American/American Indian
- 2% Other (SPECIFY)
- 1% Don't know
- 2% Refused

[ASK ALL:]

[PN: RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENS]

PARTY. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself (a Democrat), (a Republican), or an independent?

32% Democrat
30% Republican
25% Independent
2% Other (SPECIFY)
7% None/No party/No preference
2% Don't know
1% Refused

[ASK ALL:]

IDEO. In general, would you describe your political views as very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative, or very conservative?

11% Very Liberal
15% Liberal
35% Moderate
23% Conservative
8% Very Conservative
6% Don't know
1% Refused

[ASK ALL:]

INCOME. Last year -- that is, in 2022 -- what was your total household income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

5% Less than \$10,000
5% 10 to under \$20,000
8% 20 to under \$30,000
8% 30 to under \$40,000
6% 40 to under \$50,000
15% 50 to under \$75,000
13% 75 to under \$100,000
16% 100 to under \$150,000, OR
15% \$150,000 or more?
3% Don't know
6% Refused

END SECTION TIMER