

Vermont Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of Donald Trump?

Very Favorable 22%
Somewhat Favorable 9%
Somewhat Unfavorable 6%
Very Unfavorable 60%
Not Sure 3%

Q2 Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of Phil Scott?

Very Favorable 18%
Somewhat Favorable 34%
Somewhat Unfavorable 27%
Very Unfavorable 18%
Not Sure 4%

Q3 Which of the following comes closest to your own opinion: Vermont is one of the safest places to live in the country; Vermont is not significantly safer or less safe than other states; or, Vermont is a less safe place to live than other states?

One Of Safest Places To Live In Country 70%
Not Significantly Safer Or Less Safe Than Other States 29%
Less Safe Place To Live Than Other States .. 0%
Not Sure 0%

Q4 Do you think Vermont's response to the opiate epidemic is working, or not?

Response To Opiate Epidemic Is Working 10%
Response Is Not Working 57%
Not Sure 33%

Q5 Which of the following do you think Vermont needs to do more of to respond to the opiate epidemic: do more to emphasize tougher criminal laws and longer sentences for people who commit drug-related crimes, or, do more to emphasize drug treatment and rehabilitation for people living with addiction;

Emphasize Tougher Criminal Laws And Longer Sentences For People Who Commit Drug Related Crimes 42%
Do More To Emphasize Drug Treatment And Rehabilitation For People Living With Addiction 52%
Not Sure 6%

Q6 In your opinion, how important is it to reduce the number of Vermonters who are currently in prison: very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all?

Very Important 30%
Somewhat Important 38%
Not Very Important 19%
Not Important At All 10%
Not sure 3%

Q7 Which of the following do you think would do more to prevent people convicted of crimes from committing further offenses once they're released from prison: making prison sentences longer and as hard and unpleasant as possible so they are afraid of going back, or, providing alternatives to incarceration, rehabilitation services and training so they can re-enter society and be productive citizens?

Make Prison Sentences Longer And As Hard And Unpleasant As Possible 25%
Provide Alternatives To Incarceration, Rehabilitation Services, And Training 70%
Not sure 5%

Q8 If you knew that making reforms that reduce the prison population would mean sending some people convicted of crimes to rehabilitation programs to help them cope with mental illness or addictions instead of sending them to prisons, do you think it would harm communities because people who belong behind bars will be let out, or, help communities by rehabilitating offenders and saving taxpayer dollars that can be reinvested into preventing crime?

Reforms Would Harm Communities 24%
Reforms Would Help Communities 61%
Not sure 16%

Q9 Now I'm going to ask you some questions about the role of prosecutors in Vermont's criminal justice system. In Vermont, the lead prosecutor in each county is called the State's Attorney (in other states it's often the District Attorney or "DA"). How much would you say you know about your State's Attorney's responsibilities: a lot, some, only a little, or nothing at all?

Know A Lot 15%
Know Some 43%
Know Only A Little 32%
Know Nothing At All 10%
Not Sure 1%

Q10 Your State's Attorney has a number of different responsibilities. A State's Attorney decides whether or not to charge someone with a crime, which crimes to prosecute; and who gets a second chance through diversion or treatment programs. Your State's Attorney also influences state and local criminal laws; that includes lobbying the state legislature to expand alternatives to incarceration or adopt tougher criminal laws. Knowing these things, how important would you say is the role your State's Attorney plays in your community: very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all?

Very Important 59%
Somewhat Important 33%
Not Very Important 5%
Not Important At All 1%
Not Sure 2%

Q11 Which do you think is a better way for your State's Attorney to respond to Vermont's opiate crisis: focusing on public health responses, such as expanding access to rehabilitation and medically assisted treatment for people who are addicted OR focusing on aggressively prosecuting people for drug crimes.

Focus On Public Health Responses 64%
Focus On Aggressively Prosecuting People For Drug Crimes 31%
Not sure 6%

Q12 Which do you think is a better way for your State's Attorney to prevent future crimes: sending fewer people to prison and sending more people to mental health treatment, drug treatment, and other rehabilitative programs, or, seeking the harshest prison sentences possible to keep offenders off the streets and deter other people from committing crimes?

Send Fewer People To Prison And More People To Mental Health Treatment 67%
Seek The Harshest Prison Sentences Possible 26%
Not sure 6%

Q13 Which do you think is a better way for your State's Attorney to protect public safety: to aggressively prosecute people who have committed serious crimes because they are unlikely to change and will almost always be a danger to society, OR to give people who have committed serious crimes the possibility of turning things around and living productive and responsible lives.

Aggressively Prosecute People Who Have Committed Serious Crimes..... 46%
Give People Who Have Committed Serious Crimes The Possibility Of Turning Things Around 45%
Not sure 9%

Q14 Now I'm going to read you a few statements to describe candidates seeking to become your State's Attorney. For each, please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to support this person as your State's Attorney, or if it wouldn't make a difference. Here's the first one: a State's Attorney candidate who commits to making prosecutors' decisions more transparent by sharing data, information, and policies with the public.

More Likely To Vote For..... 72%
Less Likely 7%
Wouldn't Make A Difference 11%
Not Sure..... 10%

Q15 Here's the next one: A State's Attorney candidate who commits to holding police and prosecutors accountable for misconduct.

More Likely To Vote For..... 77%
Less Likely 9%
Wouldn't Make a Difference 10%
Not Sure..... 4%

Q16 Here's the next one: a State's Attorney candidate who commits to actively working to reduce unequal treatment by race in the criminal justice system.

More Likely To Vote For..... 64%
Less Likely 16%
Wouldn't Make a Difference 15%
Not Sure..... 5%

Q17 Here's the next one: a State's Attorney candidate who commits to reducing the number of people in our prisons by placing greater emphasis on alternatives to incarceration, like drug treatment, mental health services, and restorative justice. Would you be more or less likely to vote for this candidate, or would it not make a difference?

More Likely To Vote For..... 67%
Less Likely 19%
Wouldn't Make a Difference 8%
Not Sure..... 6%

Q18 Here's the next one: a State's Attorney candidate who commits to ensuring nobody is held in jail only because they are too poor to afford bail. Would you be more or less likely to vote for this candidate, or would it not make a difference?

More Likely To Vote For..... 46%
Less likely..... 28%
Wouldn't make a difference..... 18%
Not sure 7%

Q19 Here's the next one: a State's Attorney candidate who commits to ensuring that people with drug addictions are in treatment, not prison. Would you be more or less likely to vote for this candidate, or would it not make a difference?

More Likely To Vote For..... 63%
Less likely..... 21%
Wouldn't Make a Difference 10%
Not sure 7%

Q20 Here's the next one: a State's Attorney candidate who believes we must lock up as many people who commit crimes as possible. Would you be more or less likely to vote for this candidate, or would it not make a difference?

More Likely To Vote For..... 23%
Less likely..... 62%
Wouldn't Make A Difference 9%
Not sure 6%

Q21 In the election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

Donald Trump..... 30%
Hillary Clinton..... 50%
Someone else / Did not vote in the election ... 20%

Q22 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q23 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are a Progressive, press 3. If you are an independent or a member of another party, press 4.

Democrat 39%
Republican 20%
Progressive 6%
Independent/Member Of Another Party..... 35%

Q24 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 97%
Other..... 3%

Q25 If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45..... 34%
46 to 65..... 40%
Older than 65 26%

Q26 This year there a primary election in August and a general election in November for certain state, county and local races. Are you planning to vote in both elections, just the November election, or neither election?

Will Vote In August and November 81%
Will Vote In November 15%
Won't Vote 1%
Not sure 2%

Q27 Which of the following best describes the area you live: rural, small town, suburban, or urban?

Rural..... 50%
Small Town..... 39%
Suburban 8%
Urban..... 4%

Q28 Have you, or any of your friends or family members ever struggled with addiction?

Yes..... 33%
No..... 60%
Not Sure..... 5%
Don't Care To Say 2%

Q29 Have you, or any of your friends or family members ever been arrested, charged or convicted of a crime?

Yes..... 27%
No..... 66%
Not Sure..... 5%
Don't Care To Say 2%

Q30 In the last ten years, have you or any of your friends or family members been a victim of crime?

Yes..... 36%
No..... 57%
Not Sure..... 6%
Don't Care To Say 1%

Q31 For statistical purposes only, we need to know your total family income for 2017. Will you please tell me which of the following categories best represents your total family income: less than \$30,000, \$30,000 to \$50,000, \$50,000 to \$75,000, \$75,000 to \$100,000, \$100,000 to \$150,000, or more than \$150,000?

Less Than \$30,000..... 19%
\$30,000 to \$50,000 18%
\$50,000 to \$75,000 19%
\$75,000 to \$100,000..... 13%
\$100,000 to \$150,000..... 12%
More Than \$150,000 8%
Don't care to say 11%

Q32 Region

Chittenden County..... 23%
Northern Vermont..... 20%
Central Vermont 20%
Eastern Vermont 25%
Southwestern Vermont 13%