

TABLES

Voters in Connecticut will elect a governor in November. If the election for governor were held today, and the candidates were Ned Lamont, the Democrat, and Bob Stefanowski, the Republican, would you vote for Ned Lamont, Bob Stefanowski, or some other candidate for governor? (If not preference is stated): At this moment do you lean more toward Ned Lamont or Bob Stefanowski?

(Names were rotated in random order in the initial and follow-up questions. Initial preferences and preferences of leaning voters in the follow-up question were combined in the table below.)

Voter Preferences for Governor (Likely Voters With Leaners) – By Issues						
		Lamont	Stefanowski	Don't know / Undecided (Vol.)	Refused (Vol.)	N*
Sept. 15-21, 2022	Likely voters	55%	40%	3%	2%	626
The state's economy over the past 12 months has gotten...	Better	91%	8%	1%	0%	126
	Worse	27%	66%	5%	3%	297
	Stayed about the same	80%	15%	3%	2%	178
Respondent's household financial position over the past 12 months has gotten...	Better	78%	20%	1%	1%	103
	Worse	27%	66%	5%	2%	250
	Stayed about the same	77%	19%	3%	1%	266
Crime in your city or town over the past four years has...	Increased	31%	63%	4%	3%	248
	Decreased	93%	7%	0%	0%	47
	Stayed about the same	71%	24%	4%	2%	302
Top issue in choosing a candidate for governor	Inflation / cost of living / economy	34%	54%	8%	4%	146
	Taxes / government spending	36%	63%	1%	1%	131
	Abortion / choice	91%	7%	1%	0%	68
	All other issues combined	71%	25%	2%	2%	211
Sept. 15 – 21, 2022	Registered voters	51%	38%	8%	2%	766

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The following questions were preceded by questions about voter preferences in the governor’s race and the U.S. Senate race in Connecticut.

Next, in thinking about the election for governor, what is the most important issue to you personally in choosing whom to support for governor?

Cell phone and landline respondents answered in their own words during calls with live interviewers, and interviewers coded the first answer from each respondent using the categories listed in the table below. Due to a software programming error, web respondents selected from the list of issue categories to answer the question instead of typing their responses verbatim on the screen for subsequent coding by Polling Institute staff.

Most Important Issue in Choosing a Candidate for Governor	Likely Voters – Telephone Questionnaires	Likely Voters – Web Questionnaire	Total Likely Voters
Inflation / cost of living / economy	21%	28%	24%
Taxes / government spending	25%	16%	22%
Abortion / choice	13%	10%	12%
Morals / ethics / personal integrity of the candidate	7%	10%	8%
Public education	6%	6%	6%
No issue – the party of the candidate	3%	2%	3%
Crime / public safety	2%	3%	2%
Health care	2%	2%	2%
Climate change	1%	5%	2%
Race / diversity / equity / inclusion	1%	4%	2%
Gun control	1%	3%	2%
Preserving democracy	1%	1%	1%
Roads / highways / bridges	1%	1%	1%
The states response to COVID 19	1%	1%	1%
Gasoline prices	1%	1%	1%
The cost of housing	0%	2%	1%
Unemployment	2%	0%	1%
Illegal immigration	1%	0%	1%
Other	5%	2%	4%
Don’t know / Refused	5%	2%	4%
N	410	216	626

Column percentages may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding.

[The following two questions rotated in random order in the questionnaire]

Looking back over the past 12 months, has Connecticut’s economy gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same? [Choices “gotten better” and “gotten worse” rotated in random order in the question.]

Has Connecticut’s Economy Gotten Better, Worse, or Stayed About the Same?		Better	Worse	Stayed about the same	Don’t know / Refused (Vol.)	N*
Sept. 15-21, 2022	Likely voters	17%	52%	28%	4%	626
Party Registration	Democrat	30%	34%	29%	8%	265
	Republican	6%	75%	18%	1%	172
	Unaffiliated	13%	53%	33%	1%	143
Gender	Male	16%	52%	28%	4%	323
	Female	17%	52%	27%	4%	288
Age	18-39	18%	47%	30%	5%	137
	40-54	18%	50%	28%	3%	140
	55-64	14%	66%	20%	1%	121
	65 and older	17%	48%	30%	5%	205
Education	High school or less	8%	66%	20%	6%	100
	Some college	9%	58%	30%	3%	134
	College graduate	26%	39%	32%	3%	385
Sept. 15 – 21, 2022	Registered voters	14%	54%	27%	5%	766

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Looking back over the past 12 months, has your household’s financial position gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same? [Choices “gotten better” and “gotten worse” rotated in random order in the question.]

		Has Your Household’s Financial Position Gotten Better, Worse, or Stayed About the Same?				
		Better	Worse	Stayed about the same	Don’t know / Refused (Vol.)	N*
Sept. 15-21, 2022	Likely voters	15%	43%	41%	1%	626
Party Registration	Democrat	21%	24%	55%	0%	265
	Republican	8%	64%	27%	2%	172
	Unaffiliated	15%	49%	36%	0%	143
Gender	Male	15%	44%	41%	0%	323
	Female	14%	42%	43%	1%	288
Age	18-39	24%	34%	41%	1%	137
	40-54	17%	44%	39%	0%	140
	55-64	14%	54%	32%	0%	121
	65 and older	6%	43%	51%	1%	205
Education	High school or less	4%	55%	40%	1%	100
	Some college	16%	45%	39%	0%	134
	College graduate	21%	35%	43%	1%	385
Sept. 15 – 21, 2022	Registered voters	14%	44%	42%	1%	766

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Over the past four years, has the amount of crime in your city or town increased, decreased, or stayed about the same? [*Choices “increased” and “decreased” rotated in random order in the question.*]

Has Crime in Your City or Town Increased, Decreased, or Stayed About the Same?		Increased	Decreased	Stayed about the same	Don't know / Refused (Vol.)	N*
Sept. 15-21, 2022	Likely voters	43%	7%	45%	5%	626
Party Registration	Democrat	26%	11%	57%	5%	265
	Republican	64%	1%	30%	5%	172
	Unaffiliated	48%	6%	42%	4%	143
Gender	Male	46%	6%	43%	5%	323
	Female	41%	7%	48%	4%	288
Age	18-39	41%	8%	44%	6%	137
	40-54	50%	8%	39%	3%	140
	55-64	48%	2%	48%	2%	121
	65 and older	36%	9%	48%	7%	205
Education	High school or less	48%	7%	42%	3%	100
	Some college	49%	7%	39%	5%	134
	College graduate	37%	7%	51%	5%	385
Sept. 15 – 21, 2022	Registered voters	42%	6%	46%	6%	766

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